

Appointment of Public Members to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

Date: April 22, 2024
To: North York Community Council
From: City Clerk
Wards: Ward 8

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board.

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to North York Community Council for appointment to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board. This report recommends two public members and three stakeholder representatives nominated the North Toronto Skating Club, the North Toronto Hockey Association and the Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association for appointment to the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint Rahul Sabharwal to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office beginning May 9, 2024 and ending May 8, 2028, and until a successor is appointed.
2. North York Community Council appoint David Valentin to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2028, and until a successor is appointed.

3. North York Community Council appoint Gillian Jagasia as the member nominated by the Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association, Janice Mitchell as the member nominated by the North Toronto Skating Club, and Blair Robinson as the member nominated by the North Toronto Hockey Association, for a term of office beginning May 9, 2024 and ending May 8, 2028, and until successors are appointed.

4. North York Community Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held April 20, 2021 North York Community Council appointed two public members to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board to serve for the term ending April 20, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.NY23.28>

COMMENTS

Composition of the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

The board consists of 9 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 8
- 4 public members
- 1 representative from the North Toronto Skating Club
- 1 representative from the North Toronto Hockey Association
- 1 representative from the adjacent ratepayers' association, the Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

There are currently five positions under consideration

These appointments are a result of two public members whose terms ended on June 26, 2023, two stakeholder representatives whose terms ended on June 26, 2023 and one stakeholder representative whose term ended on September 16, 2023. These members continue until their successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board is four years. Members will be appointed until successors are appointed.

We are recommending North York Community Council appoint one public member with a term beginning May 9, 2024 and one public member with a term beginning October 1, 2024, for the reasons outlined in the email from the Chair of the Board, see Attachment 5 and Confidential Attachment 2.

The City Clerk recruits and recommends candidates for Arena Boards to Community Council

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend candidates for the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board to the North York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with diverse backgrounds specializing in areas including facilities & business management, finance, and community engagement. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Consideration was also given to supporting diverse representation on the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel given their familiarity with the North Toronto Memorial Arena and community recreation programs and services in Toronto. The panel consisted of:

- Operation Support Officer, Community Recreation, Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Acting People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office
- Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

The panel shortlisted eight candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Three candidates withdrew from the process and the panel interviewed five candidates.

The panel selected the recommended candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance, and the different perspectives and qualifications each would bring to the board.

Staff are recommending two highly qualified candidates for appointment

City Clerk's Office and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff are recommending two highly qualified candidates for appointment to the North Toronto Memorial Arena, see Attachment 1. These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the North Toronto Memorial Arena with the relevant knowledge and experience.

Candidates nominated by the North Toronto Skating Club, the North Toronto Hockey Association and the Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association

The North Toronto Skating Club, the North Toronto Hockey Association and the Avenue Road - Eglinton Community Association have provided letters to the Clerk with their nominees see Attachments 2, 3 and 4 respectively.

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SIGNATURE

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

Attachment 2 - Nomination Letter from the North Toronto Skating Club

Attachment 3 - Nomination Letter from the North Toronto Hockey Association

Attachment 4 - Nomination Letter from the Avenue Road Eglinton Community Association

Attachment 5 - Email from Chair of the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

Confidential Attachment 2 - Confidential Information from the Chair of the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board