

## **Appointment of a Public Member to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board**

**Date:** September 6, 2024  
**To:** North York Community Council  
**From:** City Clerk  
**Wards:** 15

### **REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

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

### **SUMMARY**

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City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board. This report recommends one candidate for appointment to the board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidate to the Leaside Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on September 25, 2028, and until successors are appointed:

- Edmund Chan

2. North York Community Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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At its meeting held May 16, 2023, North York Community Council appointed two members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending May 16, 2027 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.NY5.31>

At its meeting held June 8, 2022, North York Community Council appointed three members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending June 29, 2026 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.NY33.27>

At its meeting held May 21, 2021, North York Community Council appointed five members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending May 22, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.NY24.21>

## **COMMENTS**

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### **Composition of the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board**

The board is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 15
- 9 public members
- 1 representative from Infrastructure Ontario to serve for the duration of the loan from Infrastructure Ontario to the City
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

### **There is currently one position under consideration**

The position is a result of one public member's term ending on May 28, 2024. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

### **Term of office**

The term of office for public appointees to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board is four years. The member appointed will serve a term of office ending September 25, 2028, and until a successor is appointed.

## **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 Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board to the North York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract diverse, qualified individuals with relevant skills and qualifications, including facilities and business management, finance, recreation, 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 ensure diverse representation on the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and Parks, Forestry and Recreation shortlisted four candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. One candidate withdrew and three candidates were interviewed. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel given their familiarity with the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens 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

The panel selected the recommended candidate by weighing candidate applications and interview performances, and the different perspectives and representation that each would bring to the board.

### **Staff are recommending one highly qualified candidate for appointment**

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending one highly qualified candidate for appointment to Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board (see Attachment 1). This candidate covers the range of City Council approved qualifications for Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experience.

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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John D. Elvidge  
City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidate and Biography for the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board

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