

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM26.10	ACTION			Ward: All
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### **Public Appointments to the Moss Park Arena Board - by Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Toronto and East York Community Council. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Chris Moise, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie, recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the appointments of the following members of the Moss Park Arena Board, effective immediately:

- a. Uttam Bajwa
- b. Ahsen Bhatti
- c. Karin Fritzlar
- d. Andrew Marcus
- e. Terence Mark
- f. Alec Wieczorek, and
- g. Ethan Wright

2. City Council waive the Public Appointments Policy and appoint the following individuals to the Moss Park Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on November 14, 2026, and until successors are appointed:

- a. Ines Garcia
- b. Chris Matthews
- c. Fabiano Medugno
- d. Mathias Memmel
- f. Anwar Mohamed, and
- g. Leah Woldegiorgis

### **Summary**

We are recommending the following people be appointed to the Moss Park Arena Board.

Ines Garcia is a long-standing community advocate and small business owner with over 30 years of deep-rooted connection to the Moss Park and Regent Park neighbourhoods. Originally from Ecuador, Ines brings a rich cultural perspective and a passion for grassroots community work, dedicating her time to initiatives that support local families, youth, and small businesses. Her extensive community development, outreach, and advocacy involvement have made her a

trusted voice in the area, always striving to create opportunities for residents and foster an inclusive, vibrant neighbourhood. Ines is committed to ensuring the Moss Park Arena remains a welcoming space for recreation, community engagement, and youth development, bringing her leadership and dedication to strengthening the community she has long called home.

Chris Matthews is the Director of Data Products for the Chief Auditor Executive Office at the Royal Bank of Canada, where he provides strategic leadership and a global perspective to drive innovation and operational excellence. Beyond his professional endeavors, Chris is actively engaged in his local community in Toronto Centre, serving on the Board of Directors for both his condominium and Proud Politics. With a strong track record in strategic planning and data-driven decision-making, he specializes in spearheading transformative initiatives, optimizing operating models, and harnessing the power of data to drive impact. His extensive experience in not-for-profit leadership, governance, fundraising, and financial management uniquely equips him to contribute to the revitalization of the Moss Park Arena.

Fabiano Medugno is a seasoned leader with over 15 years of experience in operations management and service-oriented leadership. Currently, he serves as the Director of the Operations Control Centre at Ornge, where he leads teams in high-pressure environments, ensuring operational efficiency and quality service delivery. His strong background in aviation management, combined with his hands-on experience in managing large teams and complex projects, has honed his skills in strategic planning, resource management, and problem-solving. As a resident of Cabbagetown South, Fab is deeply committed to enhancing local spaces and fostering greater community engagement. He is eager to bring his strategic perspective, leadership skills, and focus on collaboration to the revitalization of the Moss Park Arena, ensuring its success as a long-term hub for local activities and events.

Mathias Memmel is an Associate Lawyer at Fasken, known for his exceptional legal expertise and dedication to public service. As a resident of Toronto Centre, he is deeply rooted in his local community and committed to making a positive impact. Mathias is active in both his local community and the Toronto performing arts community, and also serves as President of Start Proud. With his extensive legal background, not-for-profit management, and commitment to advocating for marginalized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities, Mathias is equipped with the skills needed to contribute to the management and revitalization of the Moss Park Arena.

Anwar (Hakim) Mohamed is a dedicated community leader, healthcare professional, and real estate expert committed to youth mentorship and community development. As a Registered Practical Nurse, he has extensive experience in trauma-informed care, crisis intervention, and patient advocacy, having worked at St. Michael's Hospital and West Park Healthcare Centre. In addition to his healthcare background, Hakim has served as a Child and Youth Worker and long-distance running coach, mentoring young athletes and guiding them in personal growth. He founded the grassroots Father-Daughter Run, an inclusive program that trains youth in running, nutrition, and goal setting, equipping them with essential life skills. With over a decade in real estate, he specializes in negotiation, client advocacy, and housing support, fostering connections and addressing community needs. Hakim is excited to bring his experience in youth mentorship and community engagement to the Moss Park Arena to ensure the arena remains a welcoming, safe, and inclusive space for family recreation and youth empowerment.

Leah Woldegiorgis is a dedicated community leader, social development advocate, and events planner with over a decade of experience empowering inner-city youth and marginalized communities in Toronto. She has worked extensively in community engagement, safety networks, and resource access, ensuring Moss Park, Regent Park and St. Jamestown residents receive vital support. As a former researcher, she focused on addressing underserved communities' unique social and economic challenges, using data-driven insights to develop

impactful programs and policies. As a Community Development Worker with the Neighbourhood Information Post, she continues to provide essential services related to housing stability, food insecurity, and job/career placements. Leah also oversees community planning, facilitates networks, and organizes major local events, including job fairs, resource navigation sessions, and rent bank initiatives. Leah is eager to bring her passion, leadership, and expertise in community building, event planning, and social advocacy to the Moss Park Arena.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-252858.pdf>)