

Waiver of the Public Appointments Policy and Appointment of a Public Member to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board

Date: April 14, 2025

To: North York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: 8

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

This report deals with personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board.

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board.

This report recommends a waiver of the Public Appointments Policy and the appointment of one candidate who has reached their term limit on the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. City Council waive the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appoint Melissa Grossman to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 30, 2029, and until a successor is appointed.

2. City 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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Gardens Arena.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held January 24, 2024, North York Community Council appointed one public member nominated by the Forest Hill Skating Club to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board for a term of office ending January 25, 2028 and until a successor is appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.NY10.26>.

At its meeting held October 11-12, 2023, City Council waived the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appointed one public member to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending September 7, 2027, and until a successor is appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2023.NY7.23>.

At its meeting held April 20, 2021, North York Community Council appointed two public members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 20, 2025, and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.NY23.27>.

COMMENTS

Staff are recommending a highly qualified candidate for appointment

Parks and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending the waiver of the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy to enable a highly qualified candidate for appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board (see Attachment 1).

The candidate brings relevant knowledge, experience and a background that speak to City Council-approved direction and qualifications not sufficiently represented by other members of the board.

Composition of the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board

The board is composed of:

- Councillor for Ward 8
- 8 public members, one of whom may be nominated by the Forest Hill Hockey Association and one of whom may be nominated by the Forest Hill Skating Club
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks and Recreation Division

There are currently two positions under consideration

Two current public members, Melissa Grossman and Jeffrey Schwartz, have terms ending on April 20, 2025. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

This report addresses one position under consideration. The second position under consideration is addressed by a separate report.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board is four years. The member appointed will serve a term of office ending April 30, 2029, 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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial 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 marketing, finance, recreation, and community engagement. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various community organizations.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and Parks and Recreation shortlisted four candidates based on the City Council-approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel given their familiarity with the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena and community recreation programs and services in Toronto. The panel consisted of:

- Operation Support Officer, Community Recreation, Parks and 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.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidate and Biography for the Larry Grossman
Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates, Qualifications, Confidential Diversity
Information Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest
Hill Memorial