

Appointment of Public Members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board

Date: April 23, 2024
To: North York Community Council
From: City Clerk
Wards: 15

REASON FOR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

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

SUMMARY

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

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Leaside Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office beginning on May 23, 2025, and ending on May 1, 2029, and until successors are appointed:

- Brendan Brooks
- Karin Hwang-Lew
- David Martin
- Brandon Parent

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

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held September 24, 2024, North York Community Council appointed one member to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending September 25, 2028 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.NY17.33>

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>

COMMENTS

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 are currently four positions under consideration

These positions are a result of the resignation of one public member effective September 18, 2024 and 3 public members' terms ending on May 22, 2025. 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 members appointed will serve a term of office ending May 1, 2029, and until successors are 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 law, finance, recreation, and community engagement. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various 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 and Recreation shortlisted four candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. One candidate withdrew and three candidates were interviewed. Parks 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 & Recreation
- Acting People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

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

Staff are recommending four highly qualified candidates for appointment

Parks and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending four highly qualified candidates for appointment to Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experience.

CONTACT

Vicki Long, Acting Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office, 416-338-2126, vicki.long@toronto.ca.

SIGNATURE

John D. Elvidge
City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies 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