

Appointment of Public Members to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board

Date: August 22, 2025

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 for appointment to the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending September 18, 2029, and until successors are appointed:

- Syl Apps
- Jason Xi

2. North York Community Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1 and 2 remain confidential in its entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held May 8, 2024 North York Community Council appointed one public member to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board to serve for the term ending September 30, 2028, and one public member and three stakeholder representatives to serve for the term ending May 8, 2028:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.NY13.28>

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 two positions under consideration

These positions are a result of the terms of Syl Apps and Alan Crawford which ended on April 20, 2025. Members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the North Toronto Memorial Arena Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending September 18, 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 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 fundraising, finance, 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 North Toronto Memorial Arena Board.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff shortlisted six candidate based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. One candidate withdrew from the process and the panel interviewed five candidates. 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

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.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

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