

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

**Date:** March 13, 2026

**To:** North York Community Council

**From:** City Clerk

**Wards:** Ward 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 the North York Community Council for appointment to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board. This report recommends the appointment of three public members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint Ali Bokhari to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office starting April 1, 2026 and ending April 1, 2030, and until a successor is appointed.
  
2. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office starting June 30, 2026 and ending June 30, 2030, and until successors are appointed:
  - Robert Azzam
  - Anil Bhole

3. North York Community Council direct that Confidential Attachment 1 remains confidential in its entirety as it relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals.

## **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 April 30, 2025, North York Community Council appointed four members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending May 1, 2029, and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2025.NY23.25>

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

## **COMMENTS**

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

The board consists of 12 members and is composed of:

- 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 three positions under consideration**

These positions are as a result of the terms of Dan Teguh and Lisa Villeneuve coming to an end on June 29, 2026, or until successors are appointed, and the resignation of Caroline Uyeno effective October 3, 2025.

## **Term of office**

The term of office for public appointees to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board is four years.

## **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 Office staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with relevant skills and qualifications. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity using social media, posters in the arena, LinkedIn, the Public Appointments Secretariat e-update newsletter, and volunteer search websites.

City Clerk's Office and Parks and Recreation staff shortlisted and interviewed candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks and Recreation staff were asked to sit on the panel given their relationship with the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena. The panel consisted of:

- Operation Support Officer, Community Recreation, Parks & Recreation
- Project Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

## **Staff are recommending three candidates for appointment**

City Clerk's Office and Parks and Recreation staff are recommending three candidates for appointment to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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John D. Elvidge  
City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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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