Leaside Memorial Community Gardens

Board of Management Meeting

March 27, at 7:15pm – In Person & Hybrid

Minutes #836

Attendees: David Bannon (Chair); Janice Ivory-Smith; Glenn Asano; Kathleen Mackenzie; Lisa Villeneuve (Zoom); Lani Uyeno (Zoom), Shawn MacKay (staff); Jennifer Smith (staff)

Regrets: Councillor Robinson, Dan Teguh, Robert Mitic, Craig Uyeno

Call to Order

Mr. Bannon called the meeting to order at 7:16PM

Request from the Chair for conflict-of-interest declarations regarding any items on the agenda No conflicts were identified.

Adoption of minutes of the prior meeting

Mr. Bannon called for any questions or amendments to the minutes of the February 28, 2024 board meeting. No questions or amendments were raised.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the February 28, 2024, board meeting moved by Mr. Asano, seconded by Ms. Mackenzie.

CARRIED.

Report of the Chair

Mr. Bannon advised that the user group survey will be deployed in the fall in order to allow time to add additional questions, including some requested by the safety committee.

An update was provided on the Safety Committee meeting held on March 25th, including the committee's approval to recommend that the Pashby Sport Safety Fund cover the costs of the upgrades to the security camera system. Mr. Bannon will make the formal request to the Pashby Sport Safety Fund's board, and upon approval, invoices will be remitted to the East York Foundation for payment.

Major user groups will be invited, individually, to each of the last three board meetings prior to breaking for the summer.

Considering some of the major user groups opening their fall registration in April, Mr. Bannon will communicate the approved 2024-25 community prime ice rates to them to aid in their budgeting.

Ms. Villeneuve joined at 7:32PM.

Mr. Bannon provided an update on the conversations with Councillor Robinson regarding the Environment Day. It was agreed that safety is paramount and that three police duty officers and a robust traffic safety plan are a must. Mr. Bannon to follow up with the Councillor's office.

Report of Director of Operations

Mr. Mackay provided an update on recent repairs to the compressor on Rink B, as well as overdue maintenance on the primary ice resurfacing machine. Going forward Zamboni will perform all repairs and maintenance as our previous vendor was not doing satisfactory work.

Report of the Director of Business and Finance

Ms. Smith recapped the month-end financial performance, making note of new accrual amounts for the Zamboni reserve (\$5K per month) and the Fleet Management Services Reserve (\$1.2K per month)

Motion to receive the February 2024 financial reports made by Ms. Mackenzie and seconded by Mr. Asano.

CARRIED

Report of the Finance and HR Committee

No report

Report of the Community Relations and Operations Committee

No report

Other Business

<u>Dog Policy:</u> Mr. Bannon advised the board that a complaint was received the previous day regarding the number of dogs in the facility on Monday night, including a few off-leash. Ms. Smith and Mr. MacKay checked the security footage and verified the customer's concerns. It was agreed that new signage would be procured and installed; a policy written, approved by the board, added to the contract, and provided to the staff to use in the event of customer resistance to removing their pet when asked; and that the "no dogs" policy would be strictly enforced by staff going forward.

<u>Night Economy:</u> Mr. Asano shared with the board the City of Toronto's move to creating a "night economy" and offered for consideration whether there were ways that LMCG could be a part of that. Members discussed that the WLR and the ice pads are, to a degree, already a night economy. It was believed that outdoor events at night would not be welcomed by nearby residents.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on April 24, 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 8:28 PM moved by Mr. Asano and seconded by Mr. Baker.

CARRIED.