

Leaside Memorial Community Gardens

Board of Management Meeting

April 24, at 7:15pm – In Person & Hybrid

Minutes #837

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

Regrets: Councillor Robinson, Robert Mitic

Call to Order

Mr. Bannon called the meeting to order at 7:17PM

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 March 27, 2024 board meeting. No questions or amendments were raised.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the March 27, 2024, board meeting moved by Mr. Asano, seconded by
Ms. Mackenzie.

CARRIED.

Report of the Chair

An update was provided on the meetings held regarding the upcoming environment day, presented by Councillor Robinson. It has been confirmed that three TPS duty officers will be present to direct traffic into, through, and out of our parking lot. The City is preparing a traffic management plan and revising the site plan to safely accommodate our arena and banquet hall users, along with the community members attending the environment day. A site visit is planned for May 1, and the coordinators of the event have committed to providing signage.

Mr. Bannon will make a formal request to the Pashby Sport Safety Fund's board for the purchase and installation of new security cameras, and upon approval, invoices will be remitted to the East York Foundation for payment.

Mr. Bannon will also present the EYF with the quotes to upgrade the HVAC system in the management offices, to be paid by the EYF out of the remaining expansion fund donations. Quotes are being

secured for kitchen upgrades which will be paid for through any remaining funds resident with the EYF.

Mr. Bannon received universally positive feedback from the major user groups regarding the rate freeze on community prime time ice for the 2024-25 season.

Report of Director of Operations

Mr. Mackay provided an update on the repairs required to the external railing following the car accident. Costs were also received for extending the railings to restrict access to the hills and lawns. It was agreed that the extension of the railings would be held off until the project could be presented to the safety committee. Repair work will commence, on schedule, next week.

In addition, Mr. Mackay advised the board of some sinking and cracking in the stands in rink b. This has been reported to capital works and a structural engineer has performed a site visit and inspection. We are awaiting further word on possible cause and implications.

Mr. Mackay also shared the information from the City Clerk's office regarding mandatory equity, DEI, and anti-racism training for all City Board members. The module is expected to be launched in early July.

Report of the Director of Business and Finance

Ms. Smith recapped the month-end financial performance, making note of the clean up done on AP/AR aging and advising that the most significant past due payment of \$4K, from TDSB, had been received since submitting the report.

Motion to receive the March 2024 financial reports made by Ms. Ivory Smith and seconded by Ms.

Mackenzie

CARRIED

Ms. Smith presented the preliminary 2025 operating budget and answered questions regarding assumptions made around expense and revenue increases.

Motion to increase 2024/2025 non-prime time ice rates, and space rentals (WLR and Boardroom), by 4% over 2023/24 rates, moved by Mr. Asano and seconded by Ms. Ivory Smith.

CARRIED

Report of the Finance and HR Committee

Covered in the report from the chair and the report of the director of business and finance.

Report of the Community Relations and Operations Committee

Ms. Ivory-Smith presented a request from the Muslimah Women's Athletic Club seeking consideration for a reduction in ice rates for a summer introduction to hockey program for Muslim women. It was agreed that requests like this should be subject to criteria including, but not limited to, charitable or non-profit status; events that were raising funds for charitable organizations; or requests that afforded

access to equity seeking groups. It was agreed that the Director of Business and Finance would review on a case-by-case basis and advance requests for committee/board consideration only when seeking clarity around decision making criteria.

It was agreed that an offer of a 50% discount on summer, non-prime, ice rates was appropriate in this case. Ms. Smith to follow up with the group requesting consideration.

Ms. Ivory Smith reported on the committee's discussion of high value items from the lost and found. It was agreed that after every effort was made to reunite items with their owners – a practice that is very successful for items like wallets, credit cards etc. – and after a suitable period has past (more than three months) that items can be donated to a local charity or, sold with the funds then donated to a local charitable organization.

Ms. Smith agreed to donate the many pairs of eyeglasses to a local charitable organization and will sell the gold ring that has been in the office for many years and consult with the committee on the appropriate charity to whom to donate those funds.

With respect to the murals from the 50's: the committee is waiting on a proposal from the archivist/curator of the Leaside Heritage Preservation Society for costs of restoring, framing, and installing the murals in triptych form on Rink B. Ms. Smith is also seeking interest from other art preservationists so that multiple quotes can be provided to the Arts Committee of the East York Foundation for them to consider funding the project.

Ms. Smith is following up with the City to determine if Toronto holds an umbrella license agreement for the playing of music in its facilities and associated remuneration to Entuned for SOCAN and RESOUND royalty distribution.

Board members agreed in principle to proceed with organizing a Remembrance Day ceremony for Monday, November 11th.

Other Business

none

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on May 22, 2024.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 PM moved by Mr. Asano and seconded by Ms. Mackenzie

CARRIED.