

**Leaside Memorial Community Gardens
Board of Management Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2025 @ 7:15pm by Zoom and in-person**

Minutes #851

Attendees: Matt Baker (Chair), Dan Teguh (Vice-Chair), Edmund Chan (Treasurer, by Zoom), Karin Hwang-Lew, David Martin, Lisa Villeneuve, Councillor Rachel Chernos-Lin, Brandon Parent, Waive Rowe (City of Toronto PF&R, by Zoom), Shawn Mackay (LMCG Management), Jennifer Smith (LMCG Management).

Regrets : Brendan Brooks

Call to Order:

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

Request for Conflict of Interest

- No conflicts declared.

Reading of City of Toronto's Land Acknowledgement

Ms. Hwang-Lew read the Land Acknowledgement to open the meeting.

"We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit."

Adoption of Minutes of Prior Meeting

- Mr. Baker called for any questions on, or corrections to, the minutes of the board meeting held October 22, 2025.

Motion to approve the Board of Management meeting minutes from October 22, 2025. Moved by Mr. Parent and seconded by Ms. Hwang-Lew

CARRIED

Report of the Chair

- Mr. Baker reviewed the strategic plan document derived from our planning session
- Mr. Parent raised the idea that much of the financial activity defined in the strategic plan actually resided under the operations and community relations committee rather than finance
- Mr. Teguh echoed that the finance committee very much acts in the capacity as an audit committee, stewarding the numbers; whereas the O&CR committee oversees revenue generation and expense management

- It was agreed that the strategic plan structure would remain “as-is” but that certain items would be tasked cross-committee
- Ms. Smith to check in to the relationship framework to confirm that committee structure and mandates reside with us as a board and are not defined by the City

Ms. Villeneuve joined at 7:25.

Report of the Chair of the Community Relations and Operations Committee:

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- Ms. Hwang-Lew provided an update from the committee meeting held November 20th and recent activities of the committee
- Councillor Chernos-Lin’s article on our capital project, for Leaside Life, was shared as was the recent ad listing our upcoming events in the Lea Room and public skating (Ms. Smith scanned and posted both to Google Drive.)

Councillor Chernos-Lin arrived at 7:52 PM

- Ms. Hwang-Lew provided an update on opportunities to continue providing relevant content to Leaside Life to further our exposure to the community. Ms. Hwang-Lew will get the publication schedule, editorial deadlines, and ad insertion deadlines so that a content calendar can be created.
- Planning is underway for our 2026 Remembrance Day event to be held on Tuesday November 10th in the morning.
- We are still waiting on a site visit to be scheduled from Freedom Mobile, to explore boosters/antennae on our roof. Mr. Teguh asked for more information about the proposal and it has been reposted to the November meeting folder on Google Drive.
- Shawn will schedule a tour of the facility once the construction areas are safe.
- Mr. Baker and Ms. Hwang-Lew were contacted by representatives of the Leaside Residents Association and Leaside Life, to discuss partnering on a community survey.

Director of Operations’ Report.

- Mr. Mackay provided an update on the progress with the Capital Project, confirming that all is going as planned with the concrete pour having taken place on Tuesday November 25th.
- Replacement of the dessicate wheel in the dehumidifier on Rink A to commence the week of December 1st.
- Mr. Mackay advised that the new EV Zamboni is now wrapped and in use as our primary vehicle. Good reviews from staff thus far.

Report of the Finance Committee Director of Business & Finance

Director of Business & Finance Report:

- Ms. Smith reviewed our financial performance from October and year-to-date

- Cash flow was reviewed and Ms. Smith confirmed that we are in a strong position for the balance of the year

Motion to receive the October 2025 financial reports, moved by Mr. Chan and seconded by Mr. Teguh

New Business:

Mr. Martin shared materials related to the closure of Weston Lions Arena and its reinvention as a multi-purpose community centre underwritten by \$25 million from the MLSE Foundation.

Councillor Chernos-Lin spoke about the high need in that community for recreational and community space to serve its constituents. In general, the conversation centred around the demonstrated opportunity for partnerships between the City and corporations/foundations to deliver on major infrastructure projects. Ms. Smith asked about the City's policy on naming rights and the Councillor advised that they would look into it.

In Camera Session

Motion to move *in camera* at 8:47pm made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Parent.

CARRIED

Motion to move out of *in camera* at 9:01pm made by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Parent.

CARRIED

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be held January 28th, 2026. The board agreed to hold committee meetings in December (17th and 18th) but to forego a board meeting on Christmas Eve.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:05pm, moved by Mr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Martin.

CARRIED