

**Leaside Memorial Community Gardens
Board of Management Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2026 @ 7:15pm by Zoom and in-person**

Minutes #854

Attendees: Edmund Chan (Treasurer), Karin Hwang-Lew, David Martin, Brandon Parent, Brendan Brooks (in person and by Zoom), Waine Row (PF&R, by Zoom), Shawn MacKay (LMCG Management, by Zoom), Jennifer Smith (LMCG Management), Mr. Marko Papadopoulos (Guest, representing Leaside Hockey Association, by Zoom)

Regrets : Matt Baker (Chair), Councillor Rachel Chernos Lin, Lisa Villeneuve, Dan Teguh, (Vice Chair),

Call to Order:

Mr. Chan called the meeting to order at 7:19PM

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. Chan called for any questions on, or corrections to, the minutes of the board meeting held February 25, 2026

Motion to approve the Board of Management meeting minutes from February 25, 2026

Moved by Mr. Parent and seconded by Mr. Martin.

CARRIED

Discussion with guest, Mr. Marko Papadopoulos, VP Select, Leaside Hockey Association

Mr. Papadopoulos shared positive feedback regarding the state of the newly renovated Bert F. Grant Rink and praised the communication between the LHA and the staff and management of Leaside Gardens.

Mr. Papadopoulos shared details on the configuration of the Leaside Hockey Association's various programs and how these inform their ice needs. He also expressed the LHA's interest in working collaboratively with the other two major user groups to optimize ice allocation. In addition, the board and management were asked to consider flooding the ice at the end of the hour, rather

than the top of the hour.

Mr. Chan thanked Mr. Papadopoulos for his time and feedback which the board committed to considering.

Mr. Papadopoulos left the meeting at 7:50PM

Report of the Chair

Mr. Chan opened the discussion of the 2026 objectives for the Director of Finance and the Director of Operations. It was agreed that feedback would be returned to the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Treasurer for consideration before discussion at the next HR Committee meeting and final recommendations to the board at the April board meeting.

Report from the Chair of the Operations and Community Relations Committee

Ms. Hwang-Lew thanked Mr. Parent for his article on the recent Wildcats' tournament (LL May) and shared that Mr. Martin will write the next article, highlighting the two recent events featuring PWHL stars (LL Jun). Ms. Smith committed to writing an article on the upcoming figure skating show (LL July), and Ms. Hwang-Lew will write on the Toronto Bridge Club (LL August).

Ms. Hwang-Lew provided an update on "Leaside Day" in the William Lea Room on May 23rd and asked board members to sign up for a volunteer shift.

The idea of a community bulletin board was raised, but ultimately dismissed given space limitations and conflict with paid advertisers.

Ms. Hwang-Lew shared her desire for us to sell LMCG apparel (¼ zips and toques). Ms. Smith confirmed that the City is fine with us using the arena name on items we sell and she will handle the execution and promotion of this. It was noted and agreed that we want to minimize inventory holdings.

Mr. Brooks moved from in-person to Zoom at 8:41.

Ms. Hwang-Lew provided an update on the lease renewal negotiations with the pro shop. Mr. Parent advised that he has spoken with a real estate lawyer who is prepared to assist with the new lease, *pro bono*.

Motion to extend the current pro shop lease - set to expire March 31 - for five months, terminating August 31, 2026. The new lease to commence on September 1st, 2026, thereby aligning the term of the lease and the annual rent increase on the same schedule, moved by Ms. Hwang-Lew and seconded by Mr. Chan.

CARRIED

Motion that the following terms for the new pro shop lease, to commence September 1, 2026, be accepted: an initial term of 5 years with increases of 17.5% in year one and 5% in the four subsequent years. A renewal option of 5 years with annual increases of 5%. And a right of first refusal on a third 5-year term, rates to be negotiated, moved by Mr. Parent and seconded by Mr.

Martin.

CARRIED

Mr. Mackay provided an update on operations including security measures implemented since the recent break-in. He also updated on the damage to the Zamboni gate on B and its immediate emergency repair during the Wildcats tournament.

Other Business

Mr. Martin provided an update on the most recent Safety Committee initiatives.

Motion for the board to approve recommending to the Pashby Sport Safety Fund Board the expenditure of \$11,180 + HST to host two CPR+AED sessions, on consecutive Saturdays in September, thereby certifying 72 members of the community at no charge, moved by Ms.

Hwang-Lew and seconded by Mr. Chan.

CARRIED

Report from the Chair of the Finance and HR Committee

Ms. Smith provided an update on the month's activities including work on ice contracts and the audit. She advised that work on the 2027 budget will commence in April.

Motion to receive the January and February financial packages, moved by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Brooks.

CARRIED

Next meeting April 22nd, 2026.

Motion to adjourn at 9:09 moved by Mr. Chan seconded by Ms. Hwang-Lew

CARRIED