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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager, Planning and Development Services

SUBJECT: Appointments of Chief Building Official, City Electrician, and Deputy Chief Building Official

IN CAMERA RATIONALE

This report is recommended for consideration by Council as part of the In Camera agenda as it relates to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*: (a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council appoint Patrick Ryan, M.Sc., P.Eng., Chief Building Official and City Electrician, effective immediately.
- B. THAT Council appoint Mathew Lam, CP, P.Eng., as Deputy Chief Building Official, effective immediately through to March 1, 2015.
- C. THAT Council remove Carli Edwards P.Eng., as Deputy Chief Building Official effectively immediately.
- D. THAT Council appoint Mark Roozbahani, P.Eng., MBA, as Deputy Chief Building Official, effective immediately through to March 1, 2015.

REPORT SUMMARY

Reporting to the General Manager of Planning and Development, the Director of Building Code and Policy holds statutory authority as the Chief Building Official (CBO) and City Electrician. There are two Deputy Chief Building Official positions and two Deputy City Electrician positions. Deputy Chief Building Official positions will be held by Mr. Mathew Lam, CP, P.Eng., and Mr. Mark Roozbahani, P.Eng., MBA, on a temporary

basis until permanent replacements are appointed for both positions. The Deputy City Electrician positions are currently held by Mr. Wayne White and Mr. Mike Shannon. This report is requesting Council approval to appoint Mr. Patrick Ryan, M.Sc., P.Eng. as the City's Chief Building Official and City Electrician and Mr. Mathew Lam, CP, P.Eng. and Mr. Mark Roozbahani, P.Eng., MBA, as a temporary Deputy Chief Building Officials.

Mr. Ryan is currently the Deputy Chief Building Official within Planning and Development Services. Mr. Ryan has extensive experience as a professional engineer and has held a variety of positions within the city, other agencies and the private sector. He is well respected by industry, professionals and has been undertaking many of the CBO roles during the last 18 months. Mr. Ryan brings experience from other areas including engineering, sustainability and emergency management.

Mr. Lam is currently the Manager of the Building Review Group and will be providing backup to Mr. Ryan in the interim until a hiring process is conducted and finalised. Mr. Lam is an experienced engineer who has extensive experience with the City on the building and development process.

Mr. Roozbahani is currently in the Building Review Branch but was previously a Deputy Chief Building Official before doing service for the United Nations in managing the World Court building facilities. Mr. Roozbahani has extensive experience in building code, development, and building operations.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The Vancouver Charter requires that Council appoint a Chief Building Official and City Electrician. Consistent with other jurisdictions, both the Building and Electrical By-laws designate the Chief Building Official and City Electrician as the authority having jurisdiction and references the Charter designations of City Building Inspector and City Electrician.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager recommends approval of the above noted recommendation.

REPORT

Background/Context

In order to ensure effective Building and Electrical By-law decision making authority within the operational work units, the following positions have been assigned statutory authority:

- Director of Building Code and Policy; (assigned Chief Building Official and City Electrician, Mr. Patrick Ryan, M.Sc., P.Eng.)
- Assistant Director, Inspection Services; (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official authority, Mr. Mark Roozbahani, P.Eng. MBA)
- Assistant Director, Building Review Group (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official authority, Mr. Mathew Lam, CP, P.Eng.)

- Program Manager, Electrical Inspections Branch; Licences & Inspections Department (assigned Deputy City Electrician authority, Mr. Wayne White).
- Supervisor, Electrical Inspections Branch (assigned Deputy City Electrician authority, Mr. Mike Shannon)

These positions are responsible for providing leadership and direction within their respective areas, and for making final decisions about by-law matters on behalf of the Chief Building Official and City Electrician.

Strategic Analysis

Since the resignation of the previous Chief Building Official, the CBO position has now shifted to the Planning and Development Services Department. After completing three national recruitment processes to fill the position, it was decided that Mr. Patrick Ryan, M.Sc., P.Eng. had the best qualifications and experience for this position. In Mr. Ryan's current role, he is responsible for leadership and direction of the building code and policy group, the building review group and provides building code support to the inspection staff. Mr. Ryan is very well respected within industry, the professional associations and among staff for his skills, knowledge and professionalism.

Mr. Lam and Mr. Roozbahani are professional engineers with an excellent understanding of the Building Bylaw and the building process within the City of Vancouver.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Chief Building Official City Electrician and Deputy Chief Building Officials are key roles for public safety as well as the delivery of efficient permitting and inspection services.

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