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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Director of Planning in consultation with the Managing Director of Cultural Services

SUBJECT: Miscellaneous Urban Design Panel By-law Amendments

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the text amendments to the Urban Design Panel By-law be approved, generally in accordance with Appendix A;

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the necessary By-law to amend the Urban Design Panel By-law, generally in accordance with Appendix A, for enactment.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager RECOMMENDS approval of the foregoing.

COUNCIL POLICY

In January 2008, Council adopted a new 2008-2018 Cultural Plan, which sets out the vision and strategic direction to ensure Vancouver's place as a Creative City.

In June 2008, Council approved Phase one of the Culture Plan Implementation contained in the 2008-2023 Cultural Facilities Priorities Plan

PURPOSE

This report discusses amendments to the Urban Design Panel By-law.

BACKGROUND

When phase one of the Culture Plan Implementation was approved by Council, one of the included recommendations was to add a Vancouver artist to the Urban Design Panel. This report brings forward the necessary changes to the Urban Design Panel By-law. As well, textual amendments to the By-law are proposed at this time.

DISCUSSION

The following changes required to the Urban Design Panel By-law:

1. Section 2 of the By-law needs to be changed to add an artist to the panel. The actual terminology would call for one (1) **practicing** professional artist, having specialized training in the field, or a history of exhibitions as an artist, and who is recognized as an artist by peers and arts professionals.
2. Sections 2 and 3(a) of the By-law would be changed to increase the total number of members in the panel from 12 to 13.
3. Section 3 is also being amended to change one of the staggered term numbers from 6 to 7 to reflect the new number of panel members.
4. A text amendment is being done as part of this report to remove a reference to the Department of Permits and Licenses from the guidelines portion of the By-law.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Artists do not have a professional association (such as the Architectural Institute of B.C.) which can be asked to submit names for Council's Consideration. Accordingly, it is recommended that candidates for this appointment be solicited from public art staff and from members of the Public Art Committee, and that nominees be recommended by the committee for Council's consideration.

CONCLUSION

To follow through on the previous direction of Council to add an artist to the Urban Design Panel as well as make a minor textual amendment, it is recommended that the necessary By-law amendments discussed in this report be brought forward to a subsequent meeting of City Council.

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PROPOSED MISCELLANEOUS TEXT AMENDMENTS
URBAN DESIGN PANEL BY-LAW

[All additions are shown in *bold italics*. Deletions are shown in ~~strikeout~~.]

URBAN DESIGN PANEL BY-LAW (By-law No. 4722)

1. **Section 2**
Amend Section 2 by changing the number of panel members from 12 to 13 as follows:
 2. The Panel shall be composed of not less than ~~12~~ **13** members appointed by Council as follows:
2. **Section 2**
Amend Section 2 by adding a clause (f) to the list of members as follows:
 - (f) **1 practicing professional artist, having specialized training in the field, or a history of exhibitions as an artist, and who is recognized as an artist by peers and arts professionals.**
3. **Section 3**
Amend Section 3(a) to change the number of members of the panel to 13 as follows:
 - (a) ~~12~~ **13** individuals referred to in section 2 for a term of two years more or less, which term is to expire immediately before the first Monday after December 1, 2008:
4. **Section 3**
Amend Section 3(b) to change the term of appointments to reflect the increased number of panel members as follows:
 - (b) after the expiry of the appointments under subsection (a), ~~six~~ **seven** individuals referred to in section 2 whom Council is to appoint for alternating terms not to exceed two years and one year more or less;
5. **Schedule "A": Section 5**
Amend Section 5 by removing the reference to the Department of Permits and Licenses as follows:
 5. The Panel shall review projects in their early conceptual stages or such time as they are first brought to the attention of the Planning Department ~~and/or Department of Permits and Licenses.~~