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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: General Manager, Community Services Group

SUBJECT: Composition of the Pacific National Exhibition (the "PNE") Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve an amendment to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Pacific National Exhibition (the "PNE"), by deleting specific reference to including the General Managers of Community Services, Financial Services, Human Resources and of the Vancouver Park Board and replacing with a general reference to "Four City Staff positions, nominated by the City Manager".

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the recommendation.

COUNCIL POLICY

In March 2003, Council approved the terms of an agreement between the Province and the City, transferring the ownership of the PNE to the City effective January 1, 2004.

Section 7 of the Pacific National Exhibition Incorporation Act (the "PNE Act") provides for the appointment of Directors to the PNE Board by the City of Vancouver.

On June 13, 2006, Council renewed the appointments to the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee for a term of up to eighteen months commencing July 1, 2006.

On July 12, 2007, Council approved the Hastings Park Implementation Plan planning process and work program.

On September 18, 2007, Council approved and renewed appointments to the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee for a further term, ending on June 30, 2009.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of proposed changes of a revised list of City staff appointments to the PNE Board of Directors.

BACKGROUND

In March 2003, Council approved the terms of an agreement between the Province and the City for the transfer of the PNE assets and operations to the City, effective January 1, 2004. Council also directed the City Manager to work with the Province to make the necessary legislative changes to enable this transfer to take place. On November 3, 2003, the Province passed the *Pacific National Exhibition Enabling and Validating Act* (Bill 83) and consequential amendments to the *Pacific National Exhibition Incorporation Act*.

The new legislation transferred the ownership and management of the PNE to the City, reflected the current uses on the site, and provided the City with the power and authority to determine future uses and to appoint members to the PNE Board of Directors effective January 1, 2004.

In November 2003, Council appointed an Interim Board of Directors and an Interim Advisory Committee. The interim governance structure was intended to oversee the day-to-day operations of the PNE on a temporary basis.

In January 2004, an interdepartmental City and Park Board staff team began a five-month city-wide consultation process to determine a new future for Hastings Park and the PNE.

On June 13, 2006, Council renewed the appointments to the Board, and the Advisory Committee for a period of up to eighteen months, commencing July 1, 2006.

On July 12, 2007, Council approved the updated planning process and work program for the Hastings Park Implementation Plan, as described in the Administrative Report dated June 29, 2007.

On September 18, 2007, Council approved and renewed appointments to the Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee for a further term, ending on June 30, 2009.

On May 21, 2009, Council approved changes to the governance model of the PNE, including the composition of the PNE Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

The City is currently seeking applicants for positions on the PNE Board of Directors representing a variety of community interests, but until those positions are filled the Board has been composed of two elected officials and four City staff which has operated as the interim Board.

Four City staff positions were specifically identified as Board members, namely; the General Managers of Community Services, Financial Services, Human Resources and of Vancouver Park Board. Two of these positions are now the responsibility of one individual and the retirement of another member is pending. These types of changes occur through the regular course of business and there would be benefit in having a more generic approach to the appointment of

the City staff members to the Board. The benefit of course would be that Council could respond more efficiently to vacancies on the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

This report recommends an amendment to the membership of the PNE Board of Directors by deleting specific reference to City staff positions and replacing same with a general reference to City staff, nominated by the City Manager. This change would allow Council to efficiently respond to vacancies which may arise.

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