



IN CAMERA

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Appointment of the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services as Chief Housing Officer for the purposes of the delegated authority under the Single Room Accommodation By-law.

IN CAMERA RATIONALE

This report is recommended for consideration by Council on 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; (c) labour relations or other employee relations.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT City Council appoint the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services as the Chief Housing Officer for the purposes of the delegated authority under the Single Room Accommodation By-law, effective February 20, 2018.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

City Council has delegated authority to the City Manager pursuant to Section 162A of the Vancouver Charter and By-Law No. 4017 to make recommendations respecting the appointment of department heads.

Since April 29, 2014, the Single Room Accommodation By-law ("SRA By-law") has delegated to the Chief Housing Officer the authority to issue certain conversion and demolition permits involving providers of social housing.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services has been selected for this appointment because this General Manager already has overarching line responsibility for the administration of the SRA By-law.

REPORT

The SRA By-law authorizes the Chief Housing Officer to issue certain SRA conversion and demolition permits. The purpose is to expedite projects where government and non-profit partners are involved, in order to more quickly deliver urgently needed SRO replacement social housing. However, the City does not currently have a Chief Housing Officer, so no one is delegated this authority under the SRA By-law. Further, the Chief Housing Officer is not defined in the SRA By-law in a way that allows for a successor.

In order to ensure that someone is delegated the authority to issue certain conversion and demolition permits, this report recommends the appointment of the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services as the Chief Housing Officer for the purposes of the SRA By-law.

Other responsibilities of the Chief Housing Officer found in various other policies will be brought forward for consideration more comprehensively in the coming months.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

Council is requested to appoint the General Manager, Arts, Culture and Community Services as the Chief Housing Officer for the purposes of the SRA By-law, in order to issue certain conversion and demolition permits. This appointment will fill an urgent gap in the administration of the SRA By-law left by the departure of the Chief Housing Officer.

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