



**IN CAMERA**

**REPORT**

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TO: Vancouver City Council  
FROM: City Manager  
SUBJECT: Staff Appointment to PNE Board of Directors

**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.

**RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the appointment of Shauna Wilton to the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) Board of Directors to commence immediately and continue for as long as she holds the position of Acting General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, or, if recruited, for so long as she holds the permanent position of General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, or for a term of four years, whichever is less.

**REPORT SUMMARY**

This report recommends that Shauna Wilton, whether she holds the position of Acting General Manager or General Manager of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, be appointed to the PNE Board of Directors as one of the four City staff positions on the Board following the retirement of Malcolm Bromley, former General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

## **COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

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 10, 2015 and then on October 20, 2015 Council approved the existing Pacific National Exhibition By-law.

On October 22, 2019, Council approved the appointment of Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager, Nick Kassam, General Manager, Real Estate and Facilities Management, and reappointment of Patrice Impey, General Manager, Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management and Malcolm Bromley, General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to the PNE Board of Directors as the four City staff positions on the PNE Board.

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### **Background/Context**

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. 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*. 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.

The existing Pacific National Exhibition By-law was approved by Council on June 10, 2015 and then on October 20, 2015. Under the PNE By-law, the Board of Directors consists of a maximum of nine members; one City Councillor, four City employees, and four non-City members. One of the City employee appointments is to be the General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and they are to serve as the Vice-Chair of the Board.

Currently, the four City employees who are PNE Board members include:

- Paul Mochrie, Deputy City Manager
- Nick Kassam, GM, Real Estate and Facilities Services
- Patrice Impey, GM Finance, Risk, and Supply Chain Management
- Malcolm Bromley, GM Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation (*retired*)

In order to ensure that the Board possesses the relevant knowledge and expertise to effectively manage the business and affairs of the PNE, the PNE Board of Directors was structured to allow the appointment of any four City Employees by Council provided that one of the four appointments be the General Manager of Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation. Until recently, a significant focus of the Board was on such projects as the Hastings Park Master Plan. Therefore, the composition of the City Employee Board appointments reflected this critical expertise.

Following the departure of Malcolm Bromley, the former General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, the PNE Board of Directors currently has a vacancy in one of four City employee appointments. Reflecting on the focus of the Board in overseeing the implementation of the Hastings Park Master Plan, ongoing maintenance, joint delivery of City and PNE projects and the importance of the recreation and cultural significance of the Hastings Park site, the City Manager recommends the appointment of Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation to reflect the critical skills required from City employee appointments, effective immediately. If Shauna, as the Acting General Manager, is recruited to the permanent position of General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation, then she would continue to hold her position on the PNE Board of Directors.

***Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)***

***Financial***

There are no financial implications.

***CONCLUSION***

This report recommends that Shauna Wilton, Acting General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation be appointed to the PNE Board of Directors as one of the four City staff positions on the Board. The same would apply if Shauna Wilton is recruited as the permanent General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

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