



IN CAMERA

REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Pat Ryan, City Electrician
SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy City Electrician

IN CAMERA RATIONALE

This report is recommended for consideration by Council on the In Camera agenda as it relates to Section 165.2(1)(a) 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 appoint Saul Schwebs, Architect AIBC as Deputy City Electrician, effective immediately.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report is requesting Council approval to appoint Mr. Saul Schwebs as Deputy City Electrician.

Mr. Schwebs is currently the Assistant Director of Inspections Services and Deputy Chief Building Official, and fills a key leadership position within Development, Building and Licensing. Mr. Schwebs currently oversees the Inspection Services group which includes the Electrical Inspections branch. Providing Mr. Schwebs with the Deputy City Electrician designation will provide consistency of authority between the two Assistant Director positions within the Building group (Building Review and Inspections Services Branches).

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

On September 15, 2020 Council appointed Mr. Schwebs as Deputy Chief Building Official. This appointment did not also confer on Mr. Schwebs the authority to act as Deputy City Electrician.

The Vancouver Charter requires that Council appoint a 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***

The previous appointment of Mr. Schwebs as Deputy Chief Building Official did not include a recommendation for appointment as Deputy City Electrician. As is consistent with other municipalities, it is intended that the two Assistant Director positions be interchangeable in the case of vacancy or absence.

Strategic Analysis

The provision of Deputy City Electrical authority will make the two Assistant Director positions interchangeable as both Deputy Chief Building Official and Deputy City Electrician in case of vacancy or absence, and provide increased flexibility and decision making capacity in carrying out the duties of their positions.

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

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Chief Building Official and City Electrician are key roles for public safety as well as the delivery of efficient permitting and inspection services. This appointment of deputies will help facilitate these City objectives.

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