



IN CAMERA

REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: Chief Building Official and Director, Development, Buildings & Licensing
SUBJECT: Appointment of Deputy Chief Building Official

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 appoint Leighton William, RBO as Deputy Chief Building Official, effective immediately.

REPORT SUMMARY

This report requests that Council appoint Leighton Williams, RBO as Deputy Chief Building Official.

Leighton Williams is currently the Assistant Director of Building Inspections and is a seasoned Registered Building Official with extensive experience from leadership roles in both public and private sector work. Prior to his current role, he was the Manager of Building Inspections, where in this role he has demonstrated outstanding leadership capacity, and Leighton Williams is also a Journeyperson Carpenter, a Certified Home Ventilation System Designer, and Passive House Tradesperson. Appointing Leighton Williams as a Deputy Chief Building Official will provide greater flexibility and consistency between the Permit Services group and Building Inspections and By-law Services group and ensure that there is always sufficient coverage at the City to

respond to the legal requirements and decision making requirements of the Chief Building Official.

COUNCIL AUTHORITY/PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Section 305 of the Vancouver Charter requires that Council appoint a City Building Inspector, who acts as Chief Building Official. Section 4 (1) of the Vancouver Charter authorizes Council to appoint deputies. Consistent with other jurisdictions, both the Building and Electrical By-laws designate the Chief Building Official and City Electrician as the authorities having jurisdiction and reference the Vancouver Charter designations of City Building Inspector and City Electrician.

CITY MANAGER'S/GENERAL MANAGER'S COMMENTS

The City Manager recommends approval of the above-noted recommendation.

REPORT

Background/Context

In order to ensure effective Building By-law decision making authority within the operational work units, the people in the following positions have been assigned statutory authority:

- Director of Building Policy, Inspections, and By-law Services; (Chief Building Official and City Electrician)
- Assistant Director, Building Review Branch (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official and Deputy City Electrician authority),
- Assistant Director, Inspections; (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official authority),
- Manager, Building Review (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official authority in the absence of the Assistant Director or Director)
- Manager, Building Policy (assigned Deputy Chief Building Official authority in the absence of the Assistant Director or Director)
- Manager, Electrical Inspections; Licences & Inspections Department (assigned Deputy City Electrician authority).
- Supervisor, Electrical Inspections (assigned Deputy City Electrician authority)

These positions are responsible for providing leadership and direction within their respective areas, and for making final decisions about by-law matters on behalf of the Chief Building Official and City Electrician.

Strategic Analysis

The investiture of the Assistant Director of Inspections with City Building Official authority will provide a greater degree of flexibility and coverage for the legal authority and decision making ability of the city. In addition the Permit Services group and Building Inspection and By-law Services group will become more resilient in the case of vacancy or absence.

Leighton Williams will be an incredible asset to the City in the capacity of Deputy Chief Building Official as he brings to the Building Inspections and By-law Services group the experience of a career spanning the conception, design, construction, and regulation of the building construction industry from detached homes, to complex residential and commercial projects in Canada and abroad. Leighton Williams is currently the Assistant Director of Building Inspections, and prior to his current role he was the Manager of Building Inspections, where in this role he has demonstrated outstanding leadership capacity. Leighton Williams is also a Provincially Registered Building Official, Journeyman Carpenter, and Certified Home Ventilation System Designer and Passive House Tradesperson.

Implications/Related Issues/Risk (if applicable)

Financial

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

The Chief Building Official, Deputy Chief Building Official, City Electrician and Deputy City Electrician are key roles for public safety as well as the delivery of efficient permitting and inspection services.

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