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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **September 27, 2022**

FROM: **Acting General Manager,
Planning & Development**

FILE: **0540-01**
(Advisory Design Panel)

SUBJECT: **Advisory Design Panel Appointment**

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report for information; and
2. Appoint Mr. Ryan Amies to the Advisory Design Panel as Sustainability Advisor for a for a two-year term, completing September 30, 2024.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to request Council approval of an appointment to the City's Advisory Design Panel ("ADP"). ADP members proceed with reviewing development applications and provide direction or comments to applicants with the view to ensure their projects conform to the Development Permit guidelines and contribute positively to the public realm of the City.

DISCUSSION

The ADP is comprised of:

- Eight Architect positions;
- Three Landscape Architect positions;
- Two positions for representatives from the development industry;
- Two positions for Accessibility Advisors;
- Two positions for Sustainability Advisors;
- One position for a representative of the Surrey RCMP; and
- One position for a Heritage Advisor.

Sustainability Advisor

Given the term completion of a Sustainability Advisor, there is an opening for this position on the ADP; this role in the ADP must be appointed by Council. As per the ADP Terms of Reference, the Sustainability Advisor should be qualified as a professional mechanical engineer, be a LEED Accredited Professional (LEED AP), and have experience as a design consultant on energy efficient buildings (or have equivalent qualifications and experience).

The recommended appointment for a Sustainability Advisor is a registered Architect AIBC, LEED Green Associate, and Certified Passive House Designer. Ryan Amies, Architect AIBC is recommended for this position for a two-year term. Mr. Amies is an Architect AIBC at ZGF Architects Inc. and has practical experience in energy efficient building design of large-scale projects and green building technologies.

Details of the qualifications and experience of the recommended member are outlined in the attached Appendix "I".

Development Industry Representative

Given the term completion of a Development Industry Representative, there is an opening for this position on the ADP; this role in the ADP must be appointed by Council. As per the ADP Terms of Reference, the Development Industry Representative should be a member from the Development Advisory Committee or from the development industry at large.

Staff will be working with the Development Advisory Committee to identify candidates for consideration by Council over the coming months.

Legal Services Review

This report has been reviewed by Legal Services.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

The recommended ADP appointments support the objectives of the City's Sustainability Charter 2.0. In particular, the ADP appointments support the theme of Built Environments and Neighbourhoods. Specifically, the following Desired Outcomes ("DO") and Strategic Direction ("SD"):

- Diversity and Accessibility DO1: Surrey welcomes, includes embraces and values the diversity of people who live here.
- Neighbourhoods and Urban Design Do8: The built environment enhances quality of life, happiness and well-being.
- Buildings and Sites Do13: Buildings are healthy and energy and resource efficient.
- Buildings and Sites Do15: All new buildings, public places and outdoor spaces are welcoming, safe and universally accessible.
- Buildings and Sites SD14: Promote and strengthen high quality design and healthier, more energy efficient buildings in public and private development.

CONCLUSION

ADP members review development applications and provide direction or comments to applicants with the view to ensure their projects conform to the Development Permit guidelines and contribute positively to the public realm of the City. It is recommended that Council appoint a Sustainability Advisor to the ADP for a two-year term ending September 30, 2024.

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Appendix "1" - Advisory Design Panel Nominee for Council Approval – Qualifications
and Experience

APPENDIX “I”

Advisory Design Panel Nominee for Council Approval – Qualifications and Experience

Ryan Amies, Architect AIBC, LEED GA, CPHC, Sustainability Advisor

Ryan Amies is an associate with ZGF Architects Inc., working in their Vancouver office since 2014. The firm operates offices across North America and provides services for a variety of project types and scales, including healthcare, institutional, mixed-use, residential, and urban design. Ryan is the project architect for two high rise market residential towers in downtown Surrey which are currently in the building permit review process. Before working at ZGF, Ryan worked as a Principal Investigator at SAIT Polytechnic in Calgary as a member of the Green Building Technologies – Applied Research department. Ryan’s role was to establish partnerships between private industry and the institution to leverage federal and provincial funding programs to advance sustainable design processes and technologies. The mandate was to support the green building industry through research and development and to lower cost barriers through enhancing the skilled labor force via curriculum integration.

Ryan is an Architect AIBC, LEED GA, Certified Passive House Designer and is actively pursuing LFA (Living Future Accreditation).