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REGULAR COUNCIL

TO:	Mayor & Council	DATE:	July 13, 2009
FROM:	General Manager, Planning and Development	FILE:	0370-20 (ADP)
SUBJECT:	Appointment of a Replacement Landscape Architect to the Advisory Design Panel		

RECOMMENDATION

The Planning and Development Department recommends that Council:

1. Receive this report as information; and
2. Approve the appointment of Mr. Derek Lee, BCSLA, LEED A.P., to the Advisory Design Panel for a term from July 15, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

DISCUSSION

The City's Advisory Design Panel ("ADP") is governed by the ADP Terms of Reference. Landscape Architects who serve on the ADP are also subject to policy set out by the B.C. Society of Landscape Architects ("BCSLA"). The Surrey ADP Terms of Reference stipulate a maximum of three members from the BCSLA. Currently, there are only two BCSLA members on the ADP, Alex Kurnicki and Ron Myers. Alex Kurnicki was appointed to the ADP in November 2008, for a two-year term; however, Mr. Kurnicki has recently advised of his intention to step down from the ADP due to an employment change. As a result, the BCSLA has provided Derek Lee as a replacement candidate for the ADP.

Mr. Lee is a registered Landscape Architect and Urban Designer, who has over a decade of experience in urban design, master planning and landscape architecture on an international scale. He has coordinated the master planning and development of the 2010 Olympic Village in Vancouver and has also co-developed the master plan for Dockside Green, the world's first LEED Platinum-rated community. The addition of Mr. Lee to the ADP will enhance the ability of the ADP to evaluate development projects holistically.

It is noted that the third Landscape Architect position on the ADP is still vacant. Staff will continue working with the BCSLA to fill the full complement of members on the ADP.

Sustainability Advisor

One of the goals of Surrey's Sustainability Charter is to establish a built environment that is balanced and which assists the City in its role as a good steward of the environment. Adding a specialist trained in environmental sustainability to the ADP will advance the capacity of the ADP

to apply sustainability principles on large scale development projects. This advisor position would be similar to the Disabled Access, RCMP and Heritage Advisors already on the ADP. Staff is in the process of recruiting an appropriate candidate for this position and will report back to Council in due course, including appropriate amendments to the ADP Terms of Reference to accommodate this new addition.

CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council approve the appointment of Mr. Derek Lee, BCSLA, LEED A.P., to the ADP for a term from July 15, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

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