



For the Committee of the Whole Meeting March 21, 2019

Date: March 11, 2019

From: Mayor Helps

Subject: Advisory Design Panel Landscape Architect

BACKGROUND

January marked the first meeting of the newly appointed Advisory Design Panel (ADP). The appointments made by Council have resulted in no representation by landscape architects. Dating back to the 1980s, the panel has always included one landscape architect and one alternate (which provides for input should one of the landscape architects need to excuse themselves due to conflict of interest).

It is important for Council to receive feedback on the aspects of landscape architecture, both hard and soft landscape, that form part of an applicant's submission. In addition, panel members have expressed their concerns about the lack of representation from the landscape architecture profession. While the Terms of Reference for the ADP, dating back to 1979 do not specifically reference landscape architects as part of the composition of the panel, a subsequent 2008-2009 document does make specific mention to this representation. See Appendix A.

As the panel is currently at the full complement prescribed by Council practice requires a motion of Council to increase the number of panel members in order to allow for the recruitment of a landscape architect and an alternate. To address the current lack of representation of the landscape architect discipline on the Advisory Design Panel (ADP), I recommend that Council appoint two Registered Landscape Architects to ADP, resulting in a temporary increase in the number of panel members appointed to the ADP.

Like the Architects Institute of BC, the BC Society of Landscape Architects (BCSLA) vets and recommends members for Council to consider appointing to ADP. Once received, these will come forward to a closed meeting, for Council's consideration.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council appoint two Registered Landscape Architects to ADP, resulting in a temporary increase in the number of panel members appointed to the ADP.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Helps".

Mayor Helps