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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS – PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
FROM:	J.M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR PLANNING & CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	CANDIDATE APPROVAL FOR THE URBAN DESIGN PEER REVIEW PANEL MEETING ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 10, 2013

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Land Use Planning and City Planner, the following candidates **BE APPROVED** for the positions listed below on the Urban Design Peer Review Panel:

- a. Brad Smith – Position of Landscape Architect
- b. John Nicholson – Position of Architect
- c. Steve Ries – Position of Architect

BACKGROUND

On November 26, 2012, Planning and Environment Committee approved a revised Terms of Reference for the Urban Design Peer Review Panel. The revised Terms of Reference outlined the makeup of the Panel with the following positions: three (3) Architects and three (3) other professionals that influence the design of the built environment and are registered in their field; these fields include, in order of preference, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Planning or other professional fields that influence the design of the built environment. The terms of reference also staggered the terms of Panel appointees to balance the Panel’s representation between a desire for consistency of operation while allowing for fresh perspectives. The Terms of Reference indicates Panel members are to be approved by Council upon the recommendation of administration.

Panel members serve a two (2) year term from the date of their appointment and shall not sit for two consecutive terms. On January 1, 2014 the expiry of these term limits applied to three (3) panellists. At this application cycle, the positions required to be filled are for two (2) architects and one (1) professional that influences the design of the built environment.

Overall, the candidates noted in this report provide a full complement of expertise in the various disciplines. The overall collective experience of the candidates will assist the City as we move forward and continue to elevate the presence of the Panel within the development approvals process.

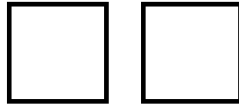


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Attach. Candidate Submissions



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APPENDIX A

Name: Brad Smith, OALA, CSLA, ASLA
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Occupation: Senior Landscape Architect, Seferian Design Group

Work experience:

- Worked at Lombard North Group in Calgary (2006-2007) on recreational planning, urban design projects throughout Western Canada
- Worked at Ecoplans Ltd. (Member of the MMM Group) as a Landscape Architect (2007-2012). Completed numerous urban design, peer review, design guideline project throughout Ontario.
- Senior Landscape Architect at Seferian Design Group in Burlington (2012- present).
- Clients have included municipal, provincial, and federal government, Canada's National Capital Commission, NEC, conservation authorities, non-profit organizations, land developers, and private industry.

Education:

- Graduated (2006) from the University of Guelph with a Bachelors of Landscape Architecture (BLA)
- Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) - Full Member (Seal and Certificate)
- Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA)
- Full Member - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA)
- Full Member - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)
- Full Member – Ontario Trails Council - Full Member - Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) Training - Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) Regional Merit – Somba K'e Civic Plaza, Yellowknife, NWT (2013)

Skills:

- Organized, leader, good sense of design knowledge
- Completed numerous urban design projects throughout Ontario
- Highly experienced, detail-oriented, and persistent
- Encourage the integration of scientific and technological advances with traditional landscape architecture theory

Interest reason:

- Passionate about community design and role design/landscape architecture can have in shaping communities - Friends, family, colleagues live and work in London Inspired by the initiatives that London is taking as a city (ReThink London, etc.) - Completed urban design projects in London (silva cell/streetscape works on King and Talbot in front of the JLC)

Contributions:

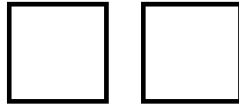
- Fresh, innovative approach to design and complex problem solving
- Hard working
- Passionate about the relationship between design, creativity, and landscape architecture and how they can transform and enhance communities and inspire low impact developments and user-orientated public spaces.

Past contributions:

- Volunteer for the Evergreen Foundation - Volunteer for the Bruce Trail Conservancy

Interpersonal:

- Lead a team of four Landscape Architects at Seferian Design Group
- Involved in projects from concept through to construction



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- As part of past urban design projects, have organized and participated in numerous design charettes, workshops (design, stakeholders, steering committee), PIC, open houses, etc.
– Regularly meet with colleagues and design professionals to ‘talk shop’ and discuss landscape architecture, design, and communities

Interview interest: Yes

Name: John Nicholson
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Occupation: Architect

Work experience: Principal in medium sized general architectural practice with focus on institutional, restoration, and non profit housing.

Education: BA(Hons) History UWO BArch UBC LEED AP OAA (member0 FRAIC (Fellow)

Skills: Strong architectural and urban design skills, mediation skills. Part of founding steering for the panel.

Interest reason: See above. Strong long term interest in raising the bar in urban design in London. Strong belief that Design Guidelines and Review are good for the community at large while helping the developer.

Contributions: Strong history of related involvement. A team player. Have worked with many of the members of the panel successfully in the past.
Past contributions: UDPRP Steering Committee. RAIC Syllabus and organizer. OAA

Awards Panel. Public arts juries.

Interpersonal: Past Chair London Arts Council Past Chair Arts granting panel Past Chair London Community Foundation Past Chair LCF Grants Committee

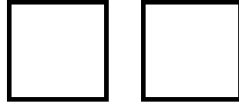
Interview interest: Yes

Name: Steve Ries
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Occupation: Architect

Work experience: 35 years experience as a Registered Architect, Project Manager, Owner's Rep (Director of Planning and Redevelopment), FT Faculty, Business Owner (Integrated Facility Management Software Sales and Support)

Education: B.E.S. (Arch), B. Arch University of Waterloo Member, Ontario Association of Architects Member, Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Member, Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society



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Skills: My specialized knowledge comes from my training and past practice as a design architect and now a full time educator in Fanshawe's School of Building Technology. My abilities as a team player and skills as a leader/manager come from my past experience as a Project Manager, Healthcare Director of Redevelopment and Planning and past member and chair of the UDPRP.

Interest reason: Having served my full term from February 2010 to March 2012 initially as a member and in the second year as the 2nd Chair of UDPRP, I am again interested in serving after taking a break of almost 2 years. As the course lead for URBN-1025 Urban Environmental Studies at Fanshawe College, I continue to be interested in advancing the cause of Urban Design in London.

Contributions: My past experience and employment outside the design and construction industry will be of value to the Panel as demonstrated during my last term.

Past contributions: Past Member 2010 Past Chair 2011 Jury Chair, Market Lane Design

Competition Interpersonal: Past Member 2010 Past Chair 2011 Jury Chair, Market Lane Design
Competition Past Chair, Fanshawe College Scholarships and Awards Past Member,
Stiller Centre Building Committee

Interview interest: Yes