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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 MONDAY DECEMBER 15, 2014

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. David Yuhasz – Position of Architect
- b. Blair Scorgie – Position of Design Professional (Urban Designer)
- c. Julie Bogdanowicz – Position of Design Professional (Urban Designer)

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, 2015 the expiry of these term limits applied to three (3) panellists. At this application cycle, the positions required to be filled are for one (1) architect and two (2) professionals that influence 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.

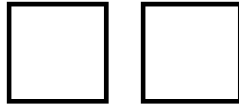
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December 3, 2014
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Attach. Candidate Submissions



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APPENDIX A

Name: David Yuhasz
Address: 363 Horton Street East, London, ON N6B 1L6
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Occupation: Architect

Work experience:
- 25 years as an architect
- Interior architect and master planning
- Residential low and high rise
- Community and resort planning
- Commercial and institutional.
- Vancouver, London, Toronto, Miami, Bermuda, various Caribbean islands
+ Cuba.

Education:
- University of Western Ontario
- Bach F.A. University of British Columbia
- Bach of Architecture OAA – MRAIC

Skills:
- Understanding of what good urban design planning brings to a community
- As a designer with many building design awards, an understanding of how to achieve good design aesthetics, costs, construction and understanding of the development and planning process.

Interest reason:
As a new London resident - with a new architecture firm I am interested in being involved in a civic capacity within my industry where my substantial experience from multiple other locations can be of value to the built environment in London.

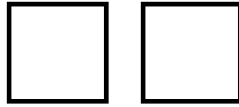
Contributions:
I believe my training as a creative problem solver with an eye for building aesthetics and interest in urban planning will add value to the review process towards achieving better results from the development industry as London grows and matures.

Past contributions:
None

Interpersonal:
As an architect we work as a member of a larger team that includes - clients - contractors - consultants - ratepayers - authorities - the public - designers - cultural diversity etc. - through the design and building process. We assess and incorporate opinions, concerns and expertise in all decisions and are therefore are adept at understanding and incorporating a wider spectrum.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Blair Scorgie
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Occupation: Planner & Urban Designer



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Work experience: I have managed projects across a variety of scales including public realm and streetscape design guidelines; private realm and architectural control guidelines; waterfront, campus, downtown, and urban corridor master plans; regeneration and revitalization strategies; intensification strategies; policy reviews and amendments; Ontario Municipal Board case files; development approvals; and architectural peer reviews. Recent projects include the Memorial University of Newfoundland Fisheries and Marine Institute Master Plan; the Downsview Park Stanley Greene Neighbourhood Architectural Control Guidelines; the Guelph Downtown Built Form Standards and Streetscape Manual; the Barrie Hewitt / Salem Secondary Plans; the Caledon Intensification Strategy; the Saskatoon Neighbourhood Level Infill Development Strategy; the Kingston Williamsville Main Street Study and associated Cycling Strategy; the Whitby Waterfront Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan; the University of Saskatchewan College Quarter Master Plan and associated Recreation Plan; the Toronto Avenues and Mid Rise Buildings Study; and various other endeavours with private land developers.

Education: I am a Registered Professional Planner, Urban Designer, and Project Manager with Brook McIlroy Inc. I hold a Master of Architecture, specializing in Urban Design, from McGill University as well as a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University. I am a member of both the Canadian Institute of Planners and Ontario Professional Planners Institute. I am also a Senior Urban Design Studio Instructor at Ryerson University's School of Urban and Regional Planning, and act as a liaison with students and faculty on matters pertaining to urban design and multidisciplinary design consulting.

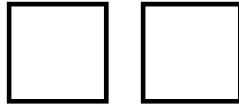
Skills: As my summary of experience demonstrates, I have a breadth of experience working with Public Sector, Private Sector, and Not-for-Profit agencies on a wide range of projects. Unique expertise includes best practices in mainstreet and neighbourhood oriented mid-rise building design; neighbourhood-oriented secondary suite and laneway housing design; waterfront park and open space design; transit-oriented development planning; and downtown revitalization and regeneration work.

Interest reason: I was raised in the City of London, and was born into a family with strong ties to the local design community (my father, Russell Scorgie, is a well respected local Architect). I have grown up with an attachment to the City of London, an appreciation for its local context, and a strong desire to contribute to the local Planning and Urban Design culture. Serving on a Design Review body has also been a dream of mine for some time.

Contributions: As a relatively young Professional Planner and Urban Designer, with a breadth of experience throughout the City of Toronto, the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario, and surrounding provincial jurisdictions, I believe that I have the potential to bring a fresh outsiders perspective, which would enrich the Design Review Panel and strengthen the local Planning and Urban Design culture.

Interpersonal: Working in collaboration with Faculty at the School of Urban and Regional Planning, I assist in the instruction of Ryerson University's Senior Urban Design Studio. Acting in a client / advisory capacity, I strive to provide students with "real world" experience, while offering insight on matters pertaining to urban design and multidisciplinary design consulting. I act as a mentor to many young aspiring Planning and Urban Design professionals, participating in informal discussions with individuals seeking advice when applying to undergraduate and post-graduate programs in Planning and Urban Design, as well as current students exploring interests in Urban Design and private consulting, and recent graduates seeking advice on identifying and approaching potential employment opportunities. I have extensive experience hosting and facilitating public and stakeholder consultation sessions, which take the form of open houses, workshops, group-based discussions, and one-on-one interviews. As a Project Manager who works primarily on large, multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary projects, much of my career involves working alongside professionals from a variety of disciplines with a range of skills, abilities and expertise to understand and balance competing priorities, and develop consensus.

Interview interest: Yes



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Name: Julie Bogdanowicz
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Occupation: Architect (Urban Design Section, City Planning, City of Toronto)

Work experience: I have been working professionally as an architect for about a decade. I have worked in Vancouver (Hotson Bakker Boniface Haden), Toronto (CS&P, KPMB and Workshop Architecture) and New York (KOKO, Asymptote) with a stint in Abu Dhabi. I have worked across all scales and across a variety of building types. I have also worked on master plans and landscape plans. I am currently working for the City of Toronto in Urban Design. My work primarily includes development application review which involves taking project to the Design Review Panel once we determine that the project is "ready" and has met our urban design objectives. Also, for the last five years, I have been a sessional Lecturer at the University of Toronto's architecture school where I teach a lecture class on urban landscape and design studios. I am also frequently asked to attend reviews at the University of Waterloo.

Education: I have a diverse background: Bachelor of Art in Geography and Environmental Studies and a Master of Architecture degree from UBC. I am a registered architect with the OAA.

Skills: As a practicing architect, I have the ability to quickly interpret architectural drawings and determine how a project can be improved. As someone who has presented to, and heard from, Toronto's DRP, I am well versed in the process, the language, and the condensed time frame that can be devoted to a project in order to improve it immensely. In addition to this, my academic experience as a critic has helped me develop the skills to quickly review a project and offer a brief critique, similar to what is done at the DRP.

Interest reason: My current position in urban design, in the Planning Department, is located in the Etobicoke district. I have a particular interest in the diversity of issues that affect emerging areas such as redevelopment of big box lots into mixed use areas, new neighborhoods on new public roads, preserving the character of existing main street heritage, and refining the new mid-rise form of development. All of these realities, I think, are relevant to the development pressures that London faces. London is one of Southern Ontario's gem cities and new development deserves an elevated design evaluation that respects the existing context.

Contributions: I am an energetic individual and I care deeply about urbanism and good design. I am lucky that I have been able to turn my passion into my profession. I take pride in my current work which involves working with applicants to improve their developments from the perspective of design and also by enforcing the Toronto Green Standard. I would truly be an honour to become part of the conversation in another city to achieve the best, most sustainable design.

Past contributions: When presenting to Toronto's Design Review Panel, I believe that I have been able to elevate the discussion by delivering a thorough presentation that sets forth all the issues that could be improved on.

Interpersonal: As a member of an academic jury, I am familiar with the mutual respect that is required from members in order to provide a balanced critique, and in order to move the discussion forward expeditiously. As a professional who has always worked in collaborative teams, respecting the collective's strengths and weaknesses is something that I've long been comfortable with.

Interview interest: Yes