

Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members
Planning & Environment Committee

From: George Kotsifas, P. Eng.
Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services &
Chief Building Official

Subject: Candidate Approval for the Urban Design Peer Review Panel

Meeting on: January 7, 2019

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Development Services, the following candidates **BE APPROVED** for the positions listed below on the Urban Design Peer Review Panel:

- a) Andrew Bousfield – Position of Architect/Urban Designer
- b) Tim O'Brien – Position of Landscape Architect
- c) Ryan Ollson – Position of Architect

Executive Summary

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 December 31, 2018 the expiry of these term limits applied to three (3) panelists. At this application cycle, the positions required to be filled are for two (2) professionals that influence the design of the built environment and one (1) architect.

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 the value of the Panel within the development approvals process.

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Submitted by:	George Kotsifas, P. Eng Managing Director, Development and Compliance Services & Chief Building Official
<p>Note: The opinions contained herein are offered by a person or persons qualified to provide expert opinion. Further detail with respect to qualifications can be obtained from Development Services</p>	

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Appendix A

Name: Andrew Bousfield

Occupation: Architect/Urban Designer

Work experience:

I have been in private practise for 28 years and am the Principal of ABA Architects Inc. We are a thirty person architectural practise located in Waterloo. Our work focuses primarily on Multi-Unit Residential, Commercial Office and Retail, and Institutional sectors and building types. The Firm employs two Urban Designers and a full-time complement of three Site Planners. I am profoundly interested in matters of Urban Intensification and familiar with the Panel (having appeared before it several times in my practise) and the City's Site Plan Approval Process.

Education:

B.Arch., OAA, MRAIC, LEED AP

Skills:

I bring thirty years of successful architectural practise to the Panel. My work has been focused mainly in cities throughout southwestern Ontario. I have been qualified to give evidence on matters of urban design before the Ontario Municipal Board and have considerable past experience in serving on volunteer committees and Boards.

Interest reason:

I am passionate about urban design and architecture. I also believe that it is important and incumbent on me to share my expertise in some voluntary manner.

Contributions:

I bring thirty years of direct architectural experience to the panel. I've gained an in-depth knowledge of what it takes to design and build in Ontario and believe that this experience and perspective will prove valuable in the Panel's deliberations.

Past contributions:

Member of the Board of the Grand Valley Construction Association Past Chair of the City of Waterloo UpTown Vision Committee Past Chair of the Conestoga College Architectural Construction Engineering Technology Programme's Professional Advisory Committee

Interpersonal:

See above. I have grown from a sole proprietor to the president of a large architectural practise employing three distinct professional disciplines. I constantly manage multi-disciplinary professional teams. I am a skilled negotiator and know how to balance and understand the developer mindset and priorities with design excellence.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Tim O'Brien

Occupation: Landscape Architecture

Work experience:

(Previous) Junior architectural designer at L360 Architecture (London, ON). (Current) I am currently employed as a landscape architect at IBI Group, Hamilton (4 years) where I work on a daily basis with engineers, planners, architects, active transportation engineers, etc. on a range of project types.

Education:

Bachelor of Architectural Studies, Azrieli School of Architecture and Urbanism, Carleton University (2009). Master of Landscape Architecture, University of Guelph (2016). Full member with seal OALA, CSLA (2018)

Skills:

Design language that cross borders between built form and site (architecture and landscape architecture). I have working knowledge of current standards in urban design, accessibility and other relevant principles that would be of value. Experience and understanding of innovative principles, eg. Urban forestry, stormwater management, CPTED, etc.

Interest reason:

Regional relevance and familiarity with the City. I would like to contribute professionally to the greater urban design community. Continued learning.

Contributions:

Leverage my complementary design education and practical knowledge as a design professional with fresh perspectives to provide balanced insight.

Past contributions:

None

Interpersonal:

Worked as a design teaching assistant during Masters degree at University of Guelph. Contributor to the OALA Ground quarterly design magazine and CSLA Landscape Paysages magazine (professional publications). Daily collaboration with multidisciplinary design professionals.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Ryan Ollson

Occupation: Architect

Work experience:

Cornerstone Architecture, Associate, 2017-Present

Cornerstone Architecture, Architect, 2015-2017

Cornerstone Architecture, Intern Architect, 2012-2014

Cornerstone Architecture, Architectural Designer, 2007-2011

Education:

Master of Architecture, University of Waterloo, 2012

Honours Bachelor of Architectural Studies, University of Waterloo, 2005

Skills:

Over 10 years of designing buildings in southwestern Ontario, including involvement in the following projects which were recognized with Urban Design Awards – No.7 Fire Station, Brescia University College Clare Hall and Mercato, and King's University College Student Life Centre – Familiarity with the City of London Urban Design Peer Review Panel through multiple past experiences presenting projects for panel review

Interest reason:

Contributing to the community by improving the quality of design in the built environment

Contributions:

Practical suggestions to improve project proposals while understanding the municipal rules and regulations as well as the design process that has taken place prior to submission to the UDPRP through collaboration with the consultant team and owner

Past contributions:

None

Interpersonal:

The practice of architecture is rooted in exchanging ideas with and respecting the opinion of others, including clients, consultants, team members, and peers – it is this exchange that helps advance the quality of design for the benefit of the project and general public.

Interview interest: Yes