

MEMO

Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021

To: Strategic Policy and Priorities Committee, City of London

From: Lori Da Silva, CEO, RBC Place London

Subject: RBC Place London Board Appointment Recommendation

Recommendation:

Reappoint Mr. Garrett Vanderwyst to the RBC Place London Board of Directors for a two-year term February 1, 2021 to November 30, 2022.

Background:

Mr. Vanderwyst was first appointed to the RBC Place London Board in 2020 for a one-year term. Mr. Vanderwyst has been an active board member during his first year representing the business community with a focus on sustainability. Mr. Vanderwyst's background and experience in the agricultural community in SW Ontario and community connections is an asset to the RBC Place London Board of Directors.

Mr. Vanderwyst has an Honours B. Comm Agriculture from the University of Guelph and grew up working with his family's agribusiness operation and currently share-crops as a hobby. Since 2017, Mr. Vanderwyst has been focused on the sustainability business sector and is currently the owner of Argent Electrical Inc and Vice President of AMBER Energy Co-operative. In addition, Mr. Vanderwyst is currently a member of the Elgin Federation of Agriculture and serves as a Director for Libro Credit Union.

In 2012, the London Convention Centre Corporation now operating as RBC Place London By-Law was updated and approved by Council. Section 4 of the By Law addresses the composition of the Board of Directors. Paragraphs (1) through (4) identify the sectors which are to be represented on the Board. The sector representation is important to ensure good relationships with the communities that drive a high percentage of conventions to RBC Place London.

Section 4 reads as follows:

- (1) The Board of the Corporation shall be composed of the Mayor as a member ex officio and ten members appointed by Council:*
- (a) two of whom shall be Members of Council;*
 - (b) six of whom may be engaged full-time in or otherwise representative of one of the following sectors of the community:*

- (i) hospitality;*
 - (ii) travel and transportation;*
 - (iii) health care;*
 - (iv) business;*
 - (v) marketing or public relations;*
 - (vi) digital media;*
 - (vii) sports;*
 - (viii) agriculture or agri-foods; or*
 - (ix) education;*
- (c) one of whom shall not be engaged either full-time or part-time in any sector mentioned in clause (b) or (d); and*
- (d) one of whom may, but need not, be a member of the not-for-profit corporation Emerging Leaders London Community Network.*

(2) Council shall nominate individuals for appointment under subsection (1).

(3) If an individual engaged in a sector mentioned in clauses (b) or (d) of subsection (1) is nominated to the Council, the Council shall first satisfy itself that the individual can generally represent the sector and can fairly serve the best interests of the Corporation and the sector having regard to the individual's personal interests.

(4) Expressions of interest of individuals in serving as directors may be solicited:

- (a) by advertising in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality;*
- (b) by a posting on the Corporation's and/or the City's website; and/or*
- (c) in any other manner determined by the Council, acting reasonably;*

and the Civic Administration shall submit a list of names of interested individuals to Council, who shall consider such individuals prior to making its nominations.

RBC Place London Board members can serve up to a maximum of 6 years on the Board with terms not exceeding 36 months.

c.c. City of London, Clerk's Office
RBC Place London Board of Directors