

2020 Legal Counsel

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To	Board of Revision
From	Office of the City Clerk
Service Area	Office of the City Clerk
Item No.	BR20-4

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of Revision:

Appoint Mr. Bill Johnson, Q.C. as the Board of Revision Legal Counsel for 2020.

ISSUE

Bill Johnson, Q.C. of Gerrand, Rath & Johnson will be engaged to provide legal support to the 2020 Board of Revision.

IMPACTS

The 2020 Board of Revision budget includes an allowance for legal counsel.

OTHER OPTIONS

None with respect to this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None with respect to this report.

DISCUSSION

The purpose of this report is to advise on the appointment of legal counsel for the 2020

Board of Revision.

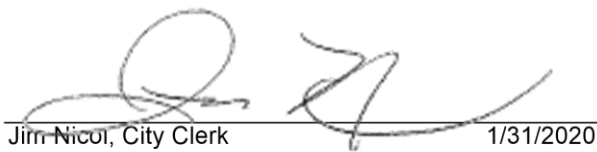
DECISION HISTORY

The City of Regina is responsible for providing legal support to the Board of Revision. The appointment of the legal counsel is determined by the Board of Revision and with the budgetary approval of City Council. In recent years, the practice has been to appoint legal counsel outside the office of the City Solicitor. The selected individual should be familiar with the legislation and processes that are required to be followed by quasi-judicial boards, such as the Board of Revision. The professional ethics of the individual engaged as legal counsel for the Board will insure objective and independent advice on issues requiring review on behalf of the Board.

For the years 2000 to 2019, Bill Johnson, Q.C. of Gerrand, Rath & Johnson Law Firm was appointed as legal counsel to the Board. Mr. Johnson has provided the Board with several written opinions which are available for Board members to reference. Mr. Johnson will be engaged to represent the Board as required in 2020.

The Board has authority for the disposition of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jim Nicol, City Clerk 1/31/2020

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