

February 6, 2014

To: Members,  
Board of Revision

Re: 2014 Legal Counsel

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RECOMMENDATION

That Mr. Bill Johnson, Q.C. be appointed the Board of Revision Legal Counsel for 2014.

CONCLUSION

Bill Johnson, Q.C. of Gerrand, Rath & Johnson will be engaged to provide legal support to the 2014 Board of Revision.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of this report is to advise on the appointment of legal counsel for the 2014 Board of Revision.

DISCUSSION

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 in consultation with the City Solicitor 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 2013, 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 2014.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

The 2014 Board of Revision budget includes an allowance for legal counsel.

Environmental Implications

None for this report.

Strategic Implications

None for this report.

Other Implications

None for this report.

Accessibility Implications

None for this report.

COMMUNICATIONS

None for this report.

DELEGATED AUTHORITY

The Board has authority for the disposition of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Nicol', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jim Nicol, Secretary  
Board of Revision