



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to By-law Appointing Building Inspectors

Date:	August 16, 2010
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building
Wards:	All
Reference Number:	P:\2010\Cluster B\BLD\CBO Office\2010PG10016

SUMMARY

This report requests City Council's authority to have appropriate city staff prepare a Bill to amend By-law 131-2004 which appoints inspectors required for the enforcement of the *Building Code Act* in the City of Toronto. The amendment will revise the list of individuals appointed under this by-law to add inspectors in the Sign Unit, who will also be issuing and inspecting related building permits for signs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Chief Building Official and Executive Director, Toronto Building recommends:

1. That authority be granted for the introduction of a Bill revising the list of appointed Inspectors under the *Building Code Act*, 1992.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on January 27, 28 and 29, 2004, City Council adopted Planning and Transportation Committee Report No.1 which set out provisions for a harmonized by-law for the appointment of Building Inspectors city-wide and repealing previous appointing by-laws established prior to the amalgamation of the City of Toronto.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2004/agendas/council/cc040127/plt1rpt/cl005.pdf>)

The By-law was enacted and passed on January 30, 2004.
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/2004/law0131.pdf>)

The By-law was amended on April 24, 2007 – By-law 345-2007.
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/bylaws/2007/law0345.pdf>)

The By-law was amended further on January 26 and 27, 2010.
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-26006.pdf>)
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2010/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-26052.pdf>)

New Sign Regulation and Revenue Strategy
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-24387.pdf>)

New Sign Regulation and Revenue Strategy - Supplementary Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-25449.pdf>)

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Under Section 3 of the *Building Code Act*, 1992, it is the responsibility of the Council of each municipality to appoint such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of the Act in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction. A By-law appointing such inspectors as necessary was adopted by City Council on January 27, 28 and 29, 2004 as amended in 2007, and on January 26 and 27, 2010.

As part of the City's Sign Regulation and Revenue Strategy, a Sign By-law enforcement unit has been created within Toronto Building. This unit is responsible for the review, issuance and inspection of sign permits for permanent signs on private property, as well as the review, issuance and inspection of any building permits required for those signs.

COMMENTS

Under the *Building Code Act* a person is not eligible to be appointed as an inspector unless he or she has the qualifications set out in the Ontario Building Code for the position. The individuals named in By-law 131-2004 and those listed with this report for amendment to the by-law all meet the qualifications prescribed by the Ontario Building Code.

Due to the need for the Sign By-law Unit to enforce both the provisions of the Sign By-law and the Building Code and, as a result of the hiring of new staff for the Sign By-law Unit, it is necessary that additions be made to the list of individuals of the Toronto Building staff appointed as inspectors under the *Building Code Act*.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. List of Names to be added to Schedule A of By-law No. 131-2004 as amended

ATTACHMENT 1:

List of Names to be added to Schedule A of By-law No. 131-2004

First Name	Last Name
Cherine	Abou-Mechrek
Kudrat (Casey)	Chandra
Gregory	Crompton
Nathan	Jankowski
Nitya	Kumaraswamy
Brandon	Laughlin
David	Noud
Steven	Rawn
Gerald	Spencer
Peter (Ted)	Van Vliet
