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**To:** Planning Committee  
**From:** A.L. (Rick) Bortolussi  
Manager, Building Approvals Department  
**Re:** **Peace Officer Appointment**

**Date:** December 13, 2001  
**File:**

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**Staff Recommendation**

That Council appoint Americo Bortolussi as a Peace Officer in accordance with Section 36 of the Police Act, and that such appointment be for the term of his employment as Manager, Building Approvals Department with the City of Richmond.

A.L. (Rick) Bortolussi  
Manager, Building Approvals Department

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<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>

## Staff Report

### Origin

The Manager, Building Approvals Department is the City's appointed Chief Building Official (CBO). The CBO has the regulatory responsibility of administering City bylaws regarding health, fire and life safety regarding building construction.

### Analysis

The CBO is responsible for undertaking Bylaw Enforcement action to address hazardous situations. Under the provisions of the Offence Act, for the purposes of the service of a summons in respect of an alleged offence under a bylaw of a Municipality, a Peace Officer includes Bylaw Enforcement positions appointed under the Police Act.

The CBO administers the codes and standards addressing building, plumbing and gas construction activity in Richmond. This responsibility applies to such concerns as:

- Design and construction of new buildings;
- The occupancy or change in occupancy of any building;
- The alteration, or demolition of any building or addition to any building;
- The reconstruction of any building that has been damaged by fire, earthquake or other cause;
- The correction of an unsafe condition in or about any building; and
- The work necessary to ensure safety in a relocated building during and after relocation.

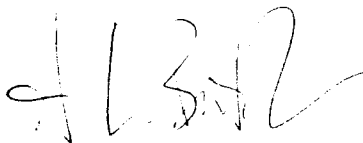
In addition the CBO enforces site safety measures at construction and demolition sites. This responsibility applies to fire safety and the protection of the public during the construction, alteration or demolition of every building, including any incomplete or abandoned building.

### Financial Impact

None

### Conclusion

It is recommended that Council authorise the appointment of Americo Bortolussi as Peace Officer in accordance with Section 36 of the Police Act, for the purposes of service of a summons for serious hazard offences under City bylaws.



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