



# City of Richmond

## Report to Committee

**To:** Planning Committee

**Date:** September 15, 2025

**From:** Joshua Reis  
Director, Development

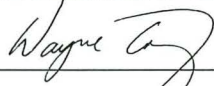


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**Re:** Appointment of Approving Officer

### Staff Recommendation

That Chris Bishop, Manager, Development – East, be appointed as an Approving Officer in accordance with Section 77 of the *Land Title Act*.

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## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

The current appointments to the position of Approving Officer are:

- Wayne Craig, General Manager, Planning and Development;
- Joshua Reis, Director, Development;
- Amritpal (Paul) Sandhu, Program Manager – Subdivision and Servicing; and
- Andrew Norton, Manager, Development – West.

Given recent hiring within the Development Applications Department, this report seeks to appoint Chris Bishop as an Approving Officer.

### **Analysis**

The authority for Council to appoint an Approving Officer is found in Section 77 of the *Land Title Act*. The role of the Approving Officer is to evaluate applications for the subdivision or consolidation of land within the City in accordance with all applicable regulations and bylaws.

It is typical practice for Municipalities to assign multiple Approving Officers to provide backup coverage during vacations and absences to ensure timely access to services.

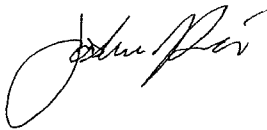
The City has a history of appointing management staff within the Development Applications Department as Approving Officers, given their day-to-day responsibilities in the review of development and subdivision proposals. Chris Bishop has recently assumed the position of Manager, Development – East with the department.

### **Financial Impact**

None.

### **Conclusion**

As a result of staffing changes within the Development Applications Department, it is recommended that Chris Bishop, Manager, Development – East, be appointed to the position of Approving Officer.



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