

MEMO



TO: Granville Island Tenants & Community

From: Lois McGrath, General Manager

Date: January 18, 2019

RE: Notice of Opportunity: Granville Island Council

We are pleased to announce a momentous and positive change in Granville Island's governance structure as of November 30, 2018.

A new Granville Island Council is being formed, which will be responsible for key decisions pertaining to Granville Island's long-term strategy, budgeting and planning. It will be composed of seven members: two appointed by CMHC, and the remaining from the local community, including one appointed by the City of Vancouver.

The new governance structure is key to Granville Island's future because it puts decision making authority in the hands of local people who understand Granville Island and its importance to the community.

It is based on recommendations in the *Granville Island 2040: Bridging Past & Future* Report (May 2017), which called for a more robust structure to further strengthen local authority, autonomy and decision-making, while remaining accountable to the Government of Canada through CMHC.

Following the release of the report, an interim 2040 Implementation Committee was established to maintain the momentum of determining the most appropriate governance model.

Watson Advisory, a leading Vancouver governance firm, worked with CMHC-Granville Island, the Granville Island Trust, and the 2040 Implementation Committee to propose governance options, roles and responsibilities.

Prior to the formation of the new Council, the Granville Island Trust acted in an advisory capacity to the management of CMHC-Granville Island. Their long standing contribution has been considerable and is greatly appreciated.

It is anticipated that the new Council members will be announced in spring 2019.

[See the Notice of Opportunity here](#)

The Nominating Committee members are:

Sadhu Johnston

Sadhu Johnston has been responsible for the management of the City of Vancouver since 2015, including overseeing its \$1 billion annual budget and over 7,000 employees. He supports the Mayor and Council in making Vancouver the vibrant and sustainable community it is today. Sadhu is currently a member of the Granville Island 2040 Implementation Committee.

Gloria Loree

Gloria Loree is the Chief Marketing Officer of Destination Canada, a Federal Crown Corporation. Gloria previously served as Manager of Media Relations and Marketing (1997 – 2006) for Granville Island, has served on the Advisory Group for the development of the Granville Island 2040 Report, and is currently is a member of the Granville Island 2040 Implementation Committee.

Lois McGrath

Lois McGrath currently serves as Granville Island's interim General Manager. Lois relocated to Vancouver late 2017 after holding several leadership positions with CMHC, most recently as Director of Communications and Director of Knowledge Translation. Lois has, for years, managed pan-Canadian teams who make it their business to influence the housing industry, government and stakeholders in making housing more affordable and accessible to Canadians.

Linda Morris

Linda Morris is a Board member with CMHC and the Museum of Vancouver. Linda has also served on the senior teams of a variety of organizations such as the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Port of Vancouver, the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, Deputy Minister of the BC Government's Public Affairs Bureau, CEO of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation for BC/Yukon and a Senior Vice President with Vancity.

Jane Shackell

Jane Shackell, QC is a partner in the Vancouver office of the law firm Miller Thomson LLP. Jane has served many years as a member of the Granville Island Trust, and is a past Chair of the Board of Capilano University. She looks forward to working with other members of the Nominating Committee to further the Granville Island 2040 vision.