



STAFF REPORT

TO: Council **MEETING DATE:** July 21, 2015
FROM: André Boel, Director of Planning **FILE NO:** 3220-20 Gower 377-385
SUBJECT: George Hotel and Residences – conflict of interest and decisions made

RECOMMENDATION(S)

THAT the staff report regarding “George Hotel and Residences – conflict of interest and decisions made” be received;

BACKGROUND/PURPOSE

On June 30th Council resolved: “*THAT staff review all items in relation to the George Hotel and Residences on which a vote was taken with Councillor White present and report back to Council on next steps.*” The purpose of this report is to brief Council on the implications for the application process of Councillor White’s declaration of a conflict of interest at the June 30th Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

Staff consulted with legal counsel regarding the possible implications for earlier decisions on the George Hotel and Residences. Legal counsel advised that reconsideration is only necessary if the decision would have been different without the vote from the Councillor in question. In the case of the George Hotel and Residences, staff note that the bylaw readings for the OCP amendment and the Zoning Bylaw amendment both carried unanimously. Therefore, consideration of first reading for both bylaws would not have been different without the vote from Councillor White. Reconsideration of the votes is not necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

André Boel, Director of Planning

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S COMMENTS:

I have reviewed the report and support the recommendation(s).

Emanuel Machado, Chief Administrative Officer