

CITY OF HAMILTON

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (PLANNING DIVISION - LOCATION – CITY HALL 71 MAIN ST W)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II – DEVELOPMENT PLANNING/HERITAGE AND URBAN DESIGN

SUMMARY OF DUTIES

Reporting to the Director of Development Planning and providing support for the Director of Development Planning and the Director of Heritage and Urban Design. Provides confidential administrative support on a range of administrative issues affecting the operations of the Sections. Co-ordinates administrative activities within the Sections and follows-up on outstanding issues as appropriate. Works with a minimum of supervision on multiple activities and ensures deadlines are adhered to and established procedures followed.

Co-ordinates the review and processing of staff reports on planning matters for presentation to Planning Committee, Municipal Heritage Committee and General Issues Committee. Proof reads and edits reports for format, grammar and spelling prior to review by the Director of Development Planning and the Director of Heritage and Urban Design. Monitors and tracks reports to ensure that internal report deadlines are complied with.

Provides guidance to support staff within the Sections.

GENERAL DUTIES

Provides confidential administrative support.

Assumes responsibility for all routine administrative details within the office.

Assists in business and administrative matters such as responding to enquiries and processing confidential matters.

Prepares, composes and proof reads correspondence and reports on a variety of matters, both confidential and routine. Drafts replies on non-routine matters for the consideration of the Director. Takes dictation and performs transcription as required.

Schedules appointments, arranges meetings, books facilities, organizes the delivery of presentation equipment, prepares necessary documentation, provides for catering arrangements and informs participants of arrangements.

Responds to inquiries and liaises with local officials, local boards, government agencies, outside organizations, internal staff and the general public and follows-up as needed.

Ensures timely processing of cheque requisitions, expense claims and reviews of same for accuracy of descriptions, account numbers, availability of funds and ensures appropriate terms of purchase and leases are exercised.

Monitors transaction listings, investigates discrepancies and processes journal vouchers.

Monitors requisitions and distribution of supplies and payment of accounts.

Maintains records for the Director's office on attendance and vacation for Sectional staff.

Co-ordinates and arranges all travel, conference and course arrangements, and follows-up as appropriate.

Develops and maintains confidential and information filing systems.

Participates in the selection of office equipment; i.e. photocopy machine, fax machine.

Acts as contact person for Director's office ensuring information is disseminated to staff as needed and ensure timely responses to urgent requests for information from Members of Council.

Works in accordance with the provisions of applicable Health and Safety legislation and all City of Hamilton corporate and departmental policies and procedures related to Occupational Health and Safety.

Provides back-up to Administrative Co-ordinator to the General Manager of Planning & Economic Development during absences and as required.

Performs other duties as assigned which are directly related to the responsibilities of the position.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. Graduate from an Office Administration Program or approved equivalent education and experience.
2. Must have significant experience at a senior secretarial level, with excellent stenographic skills including electronic transcription.
3. Must have a high level of accuracy and speed in preparation of written communication.
4. Demonstrated experience in preparation of reports.
5. Must be proficient in Business English, modern office practices and procedures.
6. Experience in a computerized environment. Working knowledge of Word, Excel, Microsoft Outlook, PowerPoint, and PeopleSoft.
7. Must relate readily to the public and outside agencies, have a pleasant manner, have initiative and the ability to carry out instructions without detailed direction.
8. Must possess initiative, good judgment and the ability to mentor junior staff.
9. Working knowledge of general accounting principles, including ability to monitor accounts, maintain routine financial records, calculate, prepare and process invoices and accounts payable, would be an asset.
10. Demonstrated ability to co-ordinate, assign and review work of junior staff and resolve work-related problems.
11. Must be able to work independently on complex projects and co-ordinate activities with other parts of the organization to promote smooth and efficient communications and information flow.

THE INCUMBENT SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR THIS POSITION AND THE WORKPLACE.