



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: April 15, 2008

TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Business License Hearing Panels for May 2008

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for May 7, 2008, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; May 22, 2008, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm; and May 27, 2008, from 9:30am to 12:30pm, to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, as follows:

The Business License Hearings pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter regarding referrals to Council by the Chief License Inspector for the year 2008 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

May 7, 2008 - 9:30am
Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor Kim Capri
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Alternate

May 22, 2008 - 7:30pm
Councillor Heather Deal, Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor Tim Stevenson, Alternate

May 27, 2008 - 9:30am
Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
Councillor Elizabeth Ball
Councillor George Chow
Councillor BC Lee, Alternate

Should any of the above Members of Council be unable to attend the hearings, the hearings and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to the remaining two Councillors and alternate Councillors.

COUNCIL POLICY

Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter gives Council the power to delegate the holding of a Business License Hearing under Section 275 or Section 278, or an appeal under Section 277, by Resolution to one or more Council Members. On November 30, 1999, Council adopted a procedure relating to Business License Hearings whereby the Hearings will generally be conducted before a panel of three Members of Council, although Council may designate that a Hearing be conducted before a panel comprised of a greater number of Members of Council.

PURPOSE

To establish a panel for the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for May 7, 22 and 27, 2008.

DISCUSSION

The *Vancouver Charter* confers on Council the power to delegate the holding of Business License Hearings to one or more Members of Council. Council must designate, by Resolution, Members of Council who will deal with each specific Hearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Council pass the recommendation contained in this report.

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