



CITY OF VANCOUVER

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Business License Hearing Panels for February 2007

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for February 7, 2007, from 9:30am to 12:30pm; February 15, 2007, from 7:30pm to 10:30pm; and February 27, 2007, 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 2007 business licenses and the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated to:

February 7, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor Heather Deal, Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Peter Ladner
Councillor Elizabeth Ball, Alternate

February 15, 2007 - 7:30pm
Councillor Kim Capri, Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Tim Stevenson
Councillor BC Lee, Alternate

February 27, 2007 - 9:30am
Councillor Peter Ladner, Chair
Councillor David Cadman
Councillor Raymond Louie
Councillor George Chow, 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 February 7, 15 and 27, 2007.

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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