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MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Inter-Municipal Business Licensing (VanRIMS No.11-4600-20)

MOVER: Councillor Ladner

SECONDER: Councillor

WHEREAS:

1. the Vancouver City Council has adopted "Guiding Principles for Economic Development" that acknowledge the importance of a competitive business climate, and the City's role in providing regional leadership and inter-municipal collaboration for economic development;
2. business climate is influenced by the complexity of local regulations and processes, including business licensing;
3. the City of Vancouver is interested in advancing regional collaboration for economic development;
4. municipalities in several regions of B.C. have adopted "inter-municipal business license" agreements that allow certain businesses to purchase a single business license to operate in multiple municipalities, thereby simplifying regulatory processes, reducing costs to small businesses, and improving licensing compliance;
5. there is presently no "inter-municipal business license" agreement in the Greater Vancouver region;
6. the Board of the Vancouver Economic Development Commission recently endorsed the concept of an inter-municipal business license, and is facilitating dialogue with the Greater Vancouver Economic Council (GVEC) and the economic development staff from other GVRD municipalities to further explore the inter-municipal business license concept;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Vancouver supports being involved in discussions about an inter-municipal business license in the Greater Vancouver region, and directs City staff to work with the Vancouver Economic Development Commission to further explore implementation of an inter-municipal business license and the implications for the City of Vancouver.

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