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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Business License Hearings - January and February 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for January and February 2009 to a panel of three Council Members, pursuant to Section 277.1 of the Vancouver Charter, and that pursuant to Section 275 of the Vancouver Charter the power to make a Council decision in relation to those hearings be delegated as follows:

January 28, 2009 - 7:30 pm
Councillor Heather Deal - Chair
Councillor Geoff Meggs
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie - Alternate

February 3, 2009 - 9:30 am
Councillor David Cadman - Chair
Councillor George Chow
Councillor Andrea Reimer
Councillor Tim Stevenson - Alternate

February 11, 2009 - 9:30 am
Councillor Ellen Woodsworth - Chair
Councillor Suzanne Anton
Councillor Kerry Jang
Councillor Raymond Louie - 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 January and February 2009.

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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