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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: City Clerk

SUBJECT: Business License Hearings - March and April 2009

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council delegate the holding of the Business License Hearings presently scheduled for March and April 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:

March 5, 2009 - 7:30 pm Councillor George Chow - Chair Councillor David Cadman Councillor Geoff Meggs Councillor Andrea Reimer - Alternate

March 24, 2009 - 9:30 am Councillor Suzanne Anton - Chair Councillor Kerry Jang Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Ellen Woodsworth - Alternate

April 9, 2009 - 7:30 pm Councillor Raymond Louie - Chair Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Ellen Woodsworth Councillor Kerry Jang - Alternate April 15, 2009 - 9:30 am Councillor Andrea Reimer - Chair Councillor Heather Deal Councillor Kerry Jang Councillor George Chow - Alternate

April 21, 2009 - 9:30 am Councillor David Cadman - Chair Councillor Suzanne Anton Councillor Raymond Louie Councillor Tim Stevenson - 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 March and April 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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