



**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
(BUSINESS LICENCE HEARING)**

MARCH 5, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 9:35 am, in the Council Chamber, Third Floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a Business Licence Hearing to consider the decision of the Chief Licence Inspector to suspend the 2023 business licence (“Business Licence”) issued to 1394867 BC Ltd. (the “Licencee”) for business premises located at 247 W Broadway, Vancouver, British Columbia (the “Premises”). This Special Council meeting was convened by electronic means as authorized by Part 14 of the *Procedure By-law* and the *Vancouver Charter*.

PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Chair
Councillor Adriane Carr
Councillor Mike Klassen

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE: Cassia Nasralla, Meeting Coordinator
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WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh People. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

**1. Business Licence No. 23-181366 - Suspension (Retail Dealer – Gifts/Novelties)
247 W Broadway**

The Business Licence Hearing Panel had before it for consideration an Evidence Brief, prepared by the City of Vancouver’s Legal Department, which contained the following material identified in the index table below (*on file in the City Clerk’s Office*) and the evidence of witnesses.

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Robert LeBlanc, Litigation Counsel, Legal Services, was present on behalf of the City of Vancouver. Jack Lloyd, Barrister and Solicitor, was also present to represent 1394867 BC Ltd, the Licencee.

Mr. LeBlanc provided opening remarks and reviewed relevant legislation as set out in section 277 of the *Vancouver Charter* and sections 4(12) of the City of Vancouver's *Licence By-law No. 4450*.

In support of the allegations set out in the above-noted evidence, Mr. LeBlanc called Sarah Hicks, Chief Licence Inspector, as a witness for the City of Vancouver.

Mr. LeBlanc, along with Panel members, directed questions to the City of Vancouver's witness. Mr. Lloyd also posed questions to the witness.

Mr. Lloyd provided opening remarks and responded to the allegations submitted by the witness.

Mr. Lloyd called Dana Larsen as witness for the Licencee. Mr. Lloyd directed questions to the Licencee's witness.

Mr. Lloyd, along with the Licencee's witness, responded to questions from the Panel and Mr. LeBlanc.

Mr. LeBlanc provided closing submissions based on the evidence and reviewed the reasons for

the business licence suspension.

The Licencee provided closing submissions.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSION

MOVED by Councillor Klassen

THAT the Business Licence Hearing Panel suspend the 2023 Business Licence issued to 1394867 BC Ltd. (the "Licencee") for business premises located at 247 W Broadway, Vancouver, on the basis of section 277 of the *Vancouver Charter* and sections 4(12) of the City of Vancouver's *Licence By-law No. 4450*.

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The motion not having received a seconder, was not put.

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The Committee recessed at 11:15 am and reconvened at 11:25 am.

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MOVED by Councillor Carr
SECONDED by Councillor Fry

THAT Council overturn the decision of the Chief Licence Inspector and that a business licence be re-issued to the applicant with terms that clarify the business as education and advocacy regarding entheogens and medicinal psychoactive substances such as psilocybin mushrooms, peyote, LSD and DMT.

CARRIED (Vote No. 09834)
(Councillor Klassen opposed)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Klassen
SECONDED by Councillor Carr

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Business Licence Hearing Panel adjourned at 11:38 am.

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