



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

APRIL 16, 2024

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at 9:32 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 refuse to issue a business licence to Anuj Chopra for the business premises located at 2807-688 Abbott Street. 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 Lisa Dominato, Chair
Councillor Christine Boyle
Councillor Rebecca Bligh

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Alyse Stewart, Meeting Coordinator
Rowena Choi, Meeting Coordinator

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 Application No. 24-179183
2807-688 Abbott Street**

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

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Iain Dixon, Lawyer and Assistant Director, Regulatory Litigation, Legal Services, was present on behalf of the City of Vancouver. Anuj Chopra, the Applicant, was present on their own behalf.

Mr. Dixon provided opening remarks and reviewed relevant legislation as set out in section 275 of the *Vancouver Charter* and sections 3 (6), 4(3) of *Licence By-law No. 4450*.

In support of the allegations set out in the evidence brief, Mr. Dixon called Sarah Hicks Chief Licence Inspector, as a witness.

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The Committee recessed at 9:35 am and reconvened at 9:41 am.

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Mr. Dixon along with Panel members directed questions to the witness.

The Applicant did not direct questions to the witness.

The Applicant provided opening remarks and responded to the allegations submitted by the witness.

The Applicant responded to questions from the Panel and Mr. Dixon.

Mr. Dixon provided closing submissions based on the evidence and reviewed the reasons for the business licence denial.

The Applicant provided closing submissions.

PANEL MEMBERS DISCUSSION

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the Business License Hearing Panel uphold the decision of the Chief License Inspector to refuse to issue the Business Licence to the Applicant pursuant to s. 4(3) of the Licence By-law on the basis that:

- *The license applicant has two convictions within the past five years for operating a short-term accommodation premises without a license.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Bligh
SECONDED by Councillor Boyle

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Business Licence Hearing Panel adjourned at 10:21 am.

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