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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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Meeting Date: February 17, 2009

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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