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Note from City Manager: Subject to Council's concurrence, staff would grant approval to the request as long as the call to prayer complies with Burnaby's Noise Bylaw and the approval is granted for this year only due to COVID-19. Staff will notify the writer accordingly.

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Masjid Al-Salaam & Education Centre would like to submit the following request for the Mayor and Council's approval. Accordingly, we would appreciate if this could be included in the agenda for the May 4<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

### Call to Prayer – Permission from the City of Burnaby

The Islamic call to prayer is called *adhān*, which means "to inform." The call summons Muslims for obligatory prayer and its objective is to bring people together.

Ramadan – the month of fasting began on April 24. Ramadan is a month where Muslims spend their time in prayer, self-reflection and fasting from sunrise to sunset.

We are seeking the Council's permission to allow Masjid Al-Salaam to broadcast the adhān through loudspeakers at sunset (3 minutes after sunset to be precise) during the month of Ramadan. The duration of this adhān is approximately 3 minutes.

This is a show of unity and solidarity with the City and British Columbia that we will overcome the COVID-19 challenge and these difficult times together. The adhān is also our unique way of paying homage to the courage, sacrifice, and bravery of our first responders. This practice is being adopted in other parts of Canada (Ontario and Alberta) and around the world.

We would like to emphasize that in view of the Provincial Health Officer and City's direction, the mosque is closed for the public. However, the adhān will be live on the Masjid's Facebook page and YouTube Channel, so that people can watch and listen to it from home.

Sincerely,

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