

Report to Council



Date: January 18th, 2021
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Inter-Community Mobile Business Licence Bylaw Amendment
Department: Business Licensing

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report from the Business Licensing Manager dated January 18, 2021, regarding the Inter-Community Mobile Business Licence Bylaw Amendment;

AND THAT Bylaw No. 12096 being Amendment No. 1 to the Inter-Community Mobile Business Licence Bylaw no. 9900 be forwarded for reading consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to give notice by placing an advertisement in City In-Action to allow written comments from the public to be submitted to the Business Licence Manager no later than 4pm on February 16, 2021.

Purpose:

To update the Inter-Community Mobile business Licence Bylaw No.9900 with new participating Municipalities, and amended wording including updates to include pro-ration of initial mobile licences.

Background:

The current Interior Regional Inter-Community Mobile Business Licence Bylaw scheme has been in existence since its inception in 2008. It was the first pilot of this Mobile licence program in the province at the time with Kelowna taking the lead to implement this new option. It has proven to be a successful model allowing flexibility for businesses to operate in multiple municipalities, districts and villages that are included by Bylaw within the program. It is now offered in other various regions of the Province and continues to grow in membership and popularity.

Discussion:

The current Bylaw has not been updated or amended since its inception, other than adding new participating Communities, and now requires minor updates. The City of Merritt has recently been added to the program and an updated list of all 21 communities has been amended to the bylaw. With the direction from the Province, participating municipalities are also to add wording to allow any additional new participating Communities be added to the program without the requirement of bylaw amendment. A recent resolution has additionally been passed by the membership to allow for pro-

ration of a licence fee on a quarterly basis for the first year of operation. This has been amended to the fee section in the Bylaw.

All participating Communities are to also ensure the exemptions section (Schedule A) of the City's current bylaw are consistent with all other participating communities Inter-Community Bylaw exemptions.

A future amendment may be required to address the recently created provincial Transportation Network Services Ride Hailing business licence category within the region. This is still under review and discussion with participating municipalities and districts may be brought forward later in 2021.

Conclusion: Staff recommend approval of the included amendment sections listed in Amendment Bylaw No. 12096 to update and improve effectiveness and client services for the current Bylaw.

Internal Circulation:

Development Planning
Development Services
Bylaw Services
Office of the City Clerk

Considerations applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Community Charter Sections 59 and 60.

All participating partner communities are to amend and update their ICMBL Bylaws.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Communications Comments:

Comments from the public to be submitted to the Business Licence Manager no later than 4pm on February 16, 2021.

Submitted by: Greg Wise, Business Licensing Manager

Approved for inclusion: R. Smith, Divisional Director, Planning and Development Services