

Request for Decision



To: City Council
From: **Development, Engineering & Planning**
Date: February 10, 2020
Subject: **BACKGROUND INFORMATION for Public Hearing on February 10, 2020 (6 pm) – Proposed Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2069.**

Background

Council gave first and second readings to Bylaw 2069 at the December 16, 2019 regular council meeting.

As described in the December 16, 2019 staff report to council (see Appendix 1), the Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL) partnership is intended to streamline and simplify the licensing process, making it easier to do business in participating communities.

A public hearing was held on February 10, 2020 to allow public input and to inform council's decision on the bylaw. The public hearing was advertised in the January 29, 2020 and February 5, 2020 issues of the Grand Forks Gazette. The approved copy of the Grand Forks Gazette ad is attached as Appendix 2.

As of January 9, 2020, the following communities have adopted the ICBL bylaw: Nelson, Rossland, Castlegar, Creston, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, and Slocan.

No written or verbal enquiries or comments have been received thus far on the ICBL.

Should council give third reading to this bylaw the proposed timeframe for the next steps to adopt the ICBL are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 Proposed Timeframe	
ACTIVITY	TIMING
Regular Council Meeting – Public Introduction; Council authorized staff to proceed with public notification and set a date for a public hearing	December 16, 2019
Notice published in two consecutive issues of the newspaper	January 29, 2020 and February 5, 2020
Public Hearing	February 10, 2020
Regular Council Meeting – council consider giving bylaw third reading.	February 10, 2020
Fourth Reading / Bylaw Adoption	February 24, 2020

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Summary

The statutory notification requirements for the public hearing respecting Bylaw No. 2069 have been fulfilled. The comments received thus far on the proposed rezoning have been summarized above. Council will consider the bylaw for 3rd reading, at its regular meeting on February 10, 2020 after duly considering the views and written submissions received at the public hearing.

Benefits or Impacts

General

Expanding to Kootenay-wide ICBL fosters a more open, robust and prosperous community and region.

Strategic Impact



Community Engagement

- A public hearing was held on February 10, 2020 to inform Council's decision. The public hearing was advertised in the January 29, 2020 and February 5, 2020 issues of the Grand Forks Gazette.



Economic Growth

- The ICBL will ease the administrative burden for businesses that operate regionally.



Fiscal Responsibility

- At the January 30, 2019 teleconference, communities considered the Province's presentation of a range of optional fees and decided that a \$100 Kootenay-wide ICBL fee was the preferred option. The Provincial analysis indicates that any revenue loss from the Kootenay-wide ICBL partnership is unsubstantial at worst and the program offers substantial benefits for communities.

Attachments

Appendix 1 December 16, 2019 staff report and **DRAFT** Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw 2069.

Appendix 2 Approved copy of the ad for the January 29th and February 5th, 2020 issues of the Grand Forks Gazette.

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Report Approval Details

Document Title:	20200210 Bylaw 2069 Public Hearing.docx
Attachments:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 20200210 Appendix 1 InterCommunity Bus Licence 3rd RFD.pdf- 20200210 Appendix 2 InterCommunity Bus Licence Bylaw 2069 Gazette Ad.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

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