

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Development, Engineering & Planning**
Date: February 24, 2020
Subject: Bylaw 2069, Inter-Community Business Licencing
Recommendation: **THAT Council give fourth reading to Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2069.**

Background

The Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2069 is before council for 4th reading and adoption.

Council gave 3rd reading to bylaw 2069 at the February 10th, 2020 regular council meeting. Council had given 1st and 2nd readings to Bylaw 2069 at the December 16, 2019 regular council meeting.

The reports from the December 16th, 2019 and February 10th, 2020 regular council meetings, complete with the associated appendices are attached as 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.

As of January 9, 2020, eight (8) Kootenay communities have adopted the ICBL bylaw.

Should council give 4th reading (adoption) to this bylaw the timeframe for the next steps are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1 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
Implementation	February/March 2020

Benefits or Impacts

General

Expanding to a Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence 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.

Policy/Legislation

Community Charter, Local Government Act

Attachments

Appendix 1 February 10th, 2020 and December 16th, 2019 staff reports complete with appendices and **DRAFT** Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw 2069.

Recommendation

THAT Council give fourth reading to Kootenay-Wide Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw No. 2069.

Options

1. THAT Council accepts the report.
2. THAT Council does not accept the report.
3. THAT Council refers the matter back to staff for further information.

Report Approval Details

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Dolores Sheets - Feb 14, 2020 - 10:08 AM

No Signature - Task assigned to Ron Mattiussi was completed by assistant Daniel Drexler

Ron Mattiussi - Feb 18, 2020 - 10:51 AM