

The proposed regulations related to Mobile Vendors are proposed to be simplified as many of the requirements contained in the current bylaw are seen to relate to use of public lands (e.g. parks) and can be better accommodated in any lease agreement negotiated by the Town with mobile vendor operators to use Town owned lands.

Further to the direction provided by the Council in COTW on December 10, 2024, the fee for a business licence is proposed to be \$150 with other defined uses set at different rates (e.g. \$75 for a home occupation and \$750 for an STR and B&B use).

Alternative:

Conversely, other options are available to Council such as modifying the draft Business Licence Bylaw in order to address any areas of concerns. Administration will take direction from Council on what revisions may be required.

Alternatively, the option to retain the existing Business Licence Bylaw No. 1045, 1997, is available to Council but is not recommended given the age of this bylaw and the recent adoption of a new zoning bylaw.

Options/discussion:

1. THAT the Town of Ossoyos Business Licence Bylaw No. 1400, 2025, be read a first, second and third time.
2. THAT the Town of Ossoyos Business Licence Bylaw No. 1400, 2025, be read a first, second and third time, subject to the following revisions:
 - i) *TBD*
3. Status quo.

Implications:

- a) Community: the bylaw introduces a modernized regulatory framework that better reflects the regulatory environment for businesses operating within the Town and improves clarity, and transparency in how business activities are licensed.
- b) Organizational; the bylaw better aligns with other land use bylaws, specifically the Town's zoning bylaw and will improve administration and issuance of licences by staff.
- c) Budget / Financial / Risk Implications: the bylaw updates licence fees to better reflect the cost of processing, reviewing, and enforcing business licences to the Town.
- d) Significant Dates: January 1st marks the commencement of a new licencing year, while implementing the new bylaw in conjunction with any changes Council may support in relation to the authorization of STRs in residential zones will facilitate licencing of these uses.
- e) Sustainability: the Town should be able to better monitor trends in local economic activity and ensure business operations comply with community expectations vis-à-vis the Official

Community Plan and Zoning bylaws.

Others Consulted:

INTERNAL		PROVINCIAL AGENCIES		OTHER	
☒	Chief Administrative Officer	☒	Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure	☒	Osoyoos Indian Band (OIB)
☒	Corporate Services	☒	Agricultural Land Commission	☒	School District
☒	Financial Services	☐	Archaeology Branch (MFLNRORD)	☒	RDOS
☒	Operational Services	☐	Interior Health Authority	☐	RCMP
☒	Building Inspector	☐	Ministry of Agriculture	☐	Telus
☒	Fire Department	☐	Ecosystem Section (MFLNRORD)	☐	Eastlink
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NOTE: Consultation on the Draft Business Licence Bylaw No. 1400 was undertaken in conjunction with proposed land use bylaw amendments related to the regulation of STRs.

Attachments:

No. 1 - Business Licence Bylaw No. 1400