



## EXPLANATORY MEMO

### INTERMUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENSE BYLAW, 2012,

### AMENDMENT NO. 4 BYLAW, 2019

No. 3114

The City of Langley participates in an Inter-Municipal Business License (IMBL) partnership, through the City's current IMBL Bylaw. This allows trade contractors and construction industry professionals to operate across 11 Fraser Valley municipalities without requiring separate business licenses from each local government.

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs and the City of Merritt have requested to join the IMBL partnership. In order to do this, the City's IMBL Bylaw will need to be amended by Council. Staff do not anticipate any negative budget impacts from adding these new municipalities, and staff recommends that Council amend the Inter-Municipal Business License Bylaw No. 2898 to include Harrison Hot Springs and Merritt.

#### Background

The IMBL allows contractors to carry on business in any of the participating municipalities without obtaining separate municipal business licenses. This reduces the cost of doing business for contractors, streamlines the licensing process, and makes it easier for contractors to do business in the participating municipalities.

Currently 11 communities participate in the Fraser Valley IMBL partnership, including the City of Langley, Township of Langley, City of Abbotsford, City of Chilliwack, City of Delta, District of Hope, District of Kent, City of Maple Ridge, District of Mission, City of Pitt Meadows and City of Surrey. The revenue generated from IMBLs is shared on the basis that the principal municipality (i.e. where the contractor is located) retains 90 percent of the business license fee revenue and the remaining 10 percent is evenly distributed amongst the other participating municipalities.

Harrison Hot Springs and Merritt are seeking to join the Fraser Valley IMBL due to the large percentage of their contractors working outside of their communities within the Fraser Valley region. At a meeting earlier in 2019 staff from the 11 participating IMBL municipalities agreed that adding Harrison Hot Springs and Merritt to the IMBL would be beneficial, but in order to do this all participating municipalities need to amend their IMBL Bylaws to add Harrison Hot Springs and Merritt prior to 2020.

In 2015 the District of Kent was added to the IMBL. This did not have a negative impact on partners' revenue, and furthered the positive effect of the program. Staff do not anticipate any negative budget implications or loss of business license revenue by allowing two more municipalities to join the Fraser Valley IMBL.



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A Bylaw to amend the provisions of the Intermunicipal Business License bylaw.

The Council of the City of Langley, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Title**

- (1) This bylaw shall be cited as the “Intermunicipal Business License Bylaw, 2012, Amendment No. 4 Bylaw, 2019, No. 3114”.

**2. Amendments**

- (1) Section 3(6) definition of “Participating Municipality” is amended by adding the words “Village of Harrison Hot Springs” after the words “Corporation of Delta” and adding the words “City of Merritt” after the words “City of Maple Ridge”.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME this eighteenth day of November, 2019.

ADOPTED this -- day of --, 2019.

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MAYOR

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CORPORATE OFFICER