



REPORT TO COUNCIL

To: **Mayor and Councillors**

Subject: New Inter-municipal Transportation Network
Services Business Licence Agreement and Bylaw

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From: Kelly Kenney
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Date: March 23, 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services (TNS) Business Licence Agreement which adds the District of Hope, the District of Kent, and the City of Mission to the agreement.
2. THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Corporate Officer to execute the Intermunicipal Transportation Network Services (TNS) Business Licence Agreement.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Bring forward a new Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services (TNS) Business Licence Agreement for consideration of approval in order to allow three additional municipalities to join the inter-municipal business licence (IMBL) for ride hailing companies.
2. Bring forward a new Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Bylaw for consideration of three readings and subsequent adoption.

POLICY:

The *Community Charter* provides guidance on bylaw procedures, municipalities' authority over business licencing, and for entering into agreements with other Public Authorities. The City's participation in the inter-municipal business licence (IMBL) for ride-hailing companies was established through execution of an agreement between all participating municipalities in 2020 and implemented through the adoption of Inter-municipal Transportation Network Services Business Licence Bylaw No. 3121.

COMMENTS/ANALYSIS:

Since 2020, the City of Langley has been participating with 25 municipalities in an inter-municipal business licence (IMBL) for ride-hailing companies (referred to as Transportation Network Services or TNSs). The participating municipalities are all located in the Passenger Transportation Board's ride-hailing boundary of Region 1, which encompasses Metro Vancouver, Fraser Valley, and Squamish-Lillooet. The IMBL allows companies to purchase one business licence and operate across all participating municipalities. The staff report dated February 26, 2020 (Attachment 1) provides background on why the IMBL was established and the process undertaken by the participating municipalities.

The City of Vancouver is the licensing authority for the IMBL which means it issues and administers the licences, and is responsible for sharing licence fee revenue with participating municipalities at the end of each calendar year.

The purpose of the IMBL is to simplify processes for ride-hailing businesses, and it recognizes the regional nature of travel patterns. Three additional municipalities wish to join the IMBL: the District of Hope; the District of Kent, and the City of Mission. Their inclusion would increase the total number of Region 1 municipalities participating in the IMBL to 28 out of a possible total of 32.

To allow new entrants to the IMBL, each participating municipality must approve and enact a new IMBL Agreement (Attachment 2) and Bylaw. The agreement identifies the participating municipalities and establishes the "Inter-municipal TNS Business Licence scheme among the participating municipalities. Each participating municipality must then adopt its own bylaw to implement the new Inter-municipal TNS Business Licence scheme.

Staff support the expansion of the IMBL program to include the District of Hope, the District of Kent and the City of Mission. If approved, the expanded licence would come into effect for all participating municipalities on June 1, 2023.

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BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

As licencing authority for the IMBL, the City of Vancouver retains licence fee revenue sufficient to recover IMBL administrative program costs, and any remaining funds are distributed among participating municipalities based on the percent of total regional pick-ups and drop-offs that occur within each of their boundaries. To date the City of Langley has received \$27,896.82 in licence fee revenue as a result of our participation in the IMBL for ride-hailing companies.

ALTERNATIVES:

Council could choose not to continue to participate in the IMBL for ride-sharing and have a stand-alone business licence. (Not recommended)

Respectfully Submitted,



Kelly Kenney
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Concurrence:



Beverly Endersby
Manager of Building and Licensing

Attachments:

1. Report to Council dated February 26, 2020 entitled, "Inter-municipal Ride-hailing Business Licence"
2. Inter-municipal TNS Business Licence Agreement

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S COMMENTS:

I support the recommendation.



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Chief Administrative Officer