



EXPLANATORY MEMO Inter-Municipal Business Licence Bylaw, 2023 No. 3246 Amendment No. 1, 2025, Bylaw 3326

This proposed amendment to the Inter-Municipal Business Licence Bylaw is being brought forward to add health care professionals and services to the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licenceing (IMBL) program, to enable businesses that provide in-home health care and related services to operate in these communities with one licence:

- City of Abbotsford
- City of Chilliwack
- City of Delta
- Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- District of Hope
- District of Kent
- City of Langley
- Township of Langley
- City of Maple Ridge
- City of Mission
- City of Pitt Meadows
- City of Surrey

The specific proposed amendment involves adding this text, shown in italics below and in this explanatory memo for clarity, to the “Mobile Business” definition:

“Mobile Business” means a trades contractor or other professional related to the construction industry or a contractor that performs maintenance and/or repair of land and buildings or a health care professional or health care service provider who only provides services by visiting clients in their homes from other than their Premises.

Under the program, the IMBL is purchased from the home municipality of a business through a top-up fee on their municipal business licence. If this Bylaw amendment is approved, these recommendations will reduce administrative and cost burdens for businesses providing in-home health care and related services in multiple municipalities.

Currently the Fraser Valley IMBL is open to trades and construction related businesses, and to businesses that repair and maintain land and buildings outside their home municipalities. Expanding the IMBL to include home health care professionals and services will contribute to greater regional coordination and promotion of a welcoming business climate.

The revenue generated from IMBLs is shared on the basis that the principal municipality (i.e. where the contractor/business is located) retains 90 percent of the business licence fee revenue and the remaining 10 percent is evenly distributed amongst the other participating municipalities.

Changes to the Fraser Valley IMBL require approval from all participating municipalities. Staff from the participating municipalities listed above will be bringing this proposal to their Councils for consideration of approval in late 2025. Should this proposal be approved by all participating municipalities, the Fraser Valley IMBL will be available to health care professionals and services businesses on January 1, 2026.