## Urban Planning and Economy UPE00381

**Bylaw 20002:** Business Licence Bylaw

## **Objectives of the new Business Licence Bylaw**

- 1. **Remove unnecessary barriers** for businesses and enhance service efficiency
- 2. **Support faster licensing decisions** when new types of businesses emerge
- 3. **Improve alignment with regulatory partners** and ensure a more timely response to compliance issues.

#### **Previous Reports**



Administration begins the process of developing a new Business Licence Bylaw based on best practice research, engagement with the business community, and consultation with regulatory partners.

## **Business Licence Bylaw: Highlights**

Remove unnecessary barriers	<ul> <li>Clearer language and organization for ease of use and understanding</li> <li>Simplified and more predictable fee schedule</li> <li>Two-year licence option</li> </ul>
Support faster licensing decisions	<ul> <li>Business categories will better align with the current and evolving business environment</li> </ul>
Improve alignment with regulatory partners	<ul> <li>Better enforcement tools for non-compliance</li> <li>Operational plans will aligned with bylaw requirements</li> <li>Provincial licensing requirement will be part of the process</li> </ul>

### **The City Plan Implementation Approach**



Planning, Policy & Regulation



Process & Service Delivery



Data & Measurement



People, Partnerships & Change Management

Examples

- District Planning
- City Planning Framework
- Zoning Bylaw Renewal

- Prioritized budgeting
- Business planning

• Operational service delivery

- Measures and targets
- Transparent reporting

- Organizational change management
- External relationships and partnership



August 16, 2021 (expected)

#### August - December 2021

#### January 17, 2022

Three readings and adoption of Bylaw 20002 by City Council. Operational adjustments to prepare for implementation:

- Policies and procedures
- Online resources
- Business technology
- Informing businesses
- Training
- Updating existing business licences

Bylaw 20002 - Business Licence Bylaw takes effect.

Bylaw 13138 is repealed.

# Thank you.

Urban Planning Committee

August 10, 2021