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Business Licence Bylaw Renewal: *General Framework and Fees*

Urban Form and Corporate Strategic Development
Report CR_6608

Urban Planning Committee
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Background

- The current Business Licence Bylaw was introduced in 2002
- The business environment has changed
- A new bylaw will:
 - Remove barriers for business owners
 - Be adaptable to new or emerging businesses
 - Better align with regulatory partners

Developing Recommendations for a New Bylaw

Administration's recommendations are based on:

- Best practice research
- Consultation with internal stakeholders
- Engagement with businesses, business associations, and business improvement areas

Summary of Emerging Recommendations

Recommendations for a new Business Licence Bylaw framework and fee structure include changes in six key areas:

1. Licence Application

- Improve the clarity of basic application requirements
- Enhance connections and compliance with other regulatory agencies

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2. Licence Classifications and Fees

- Simplify the process of categorizing business licences
- Introduce a clear and predictable fee schedule

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3. Licence Renewal

- Clarify when and how licences may be renewed
- Expedite process for certain types of businesses
- Create an incentive for on-time renewal

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4. Licence Review

- Expand on the City Manager's authority to suspend, cancel, refuse, or impose conditions on a licence

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5. Enforcement

- Clarify offences and penalties
- Address gaps in enforcement of unlicensed businesses
- Establish effective penalties for violations

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6. Other recommendations

- Improve the overall clarity and transparency of the bylaw

Next Steps

- Identify implementation requirements
- Propose licence fees
- Prepare recommendations for licensing specific businesses and industries
- Update the Urban Planning Committee in May 2020
- Draft a bylaw for adoption in January 2021

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Thank you.

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