

# BUSINESS LICENCES

***Businesses are legally required to obtain business licences in the City of Campbell River.***

## **Why the need for a Business Licence?**

In addition to making a business legal to operate, a business license increases credibility. When the entrepreneur displays their business license, it helps reassure customers that they are dealing with a legitimate business. Other businesses the entrepreneur deals with also may need to see the business license prior to doing business. To receive a business license, a business must comply with all bylaw requirements that primarily address public health and safety and land use compatibility with your neighbours. Applying for a business license ensures that the business owner's infrastructure, plans and policies are in line with city regulations.



## **What are the Benefits and Costs to our Community?**

**Benefit:** It clearly defines our community's expectation on the steps a business owner must take to open a business within our city. This helps a business owner better understand how to begin a business operation.

**Cost:** It will require businesses to pay a nominal fee to support the operation of the program. This fee is not intended to generate money for the general fund and is not a tax. The money generated will pay for the operating costs of business licensing and plays an indirect role in economic development.

**Benefit:** It ensures that the City Zoning bylaw updates reflect the evolving needs and requirements of business in terms of land use considerations such as building height, building setbacks, range of permitted use and more.

**Cost:** It will require the City to engage the business community to identify practical changes to the Zoning Bylaw.

## **Please note recent changes to Business License fees.**

Business licensing fees are designed to largely operate on a cost recovery basis. The \$120 fee was established by City Council in 2007. In March 2012, Council increased the fee to \$150 per year to reflect inflationary cost increases.

Should you have questions regarding the range of uses permitted in your location, what you have to do if you plan to do renovations, or any other question related to Zoning, construction or you are just not sure, please contact us – we are your one stop resource.



## **How can we help your business?**



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