



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee **Date:** August 28, 2013
From: Cecilia Achiam **File:**
 Director, Administration and Compliance
Re: Inter-municipal Business Licence Amendment Bylaw No. 9047

Staff Recommendation

That Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 9040, Amendment Bylaw No. 9047 be given first, second and third readings.

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Att.

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Staff Report

Origin

On July 22, 2013, Richmond City Council adopted Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 9040 ("Bylaw 9040") establishing a scheme amongst five other Metro municipalities that provides for construction-related businesses to require only a single Business Licence to work in multiple surrounding municipalities, including Burnaby, Delta, New Westminster, Richmond, Surrey and Vancouver ("Metro West IMBL program"). The Metro West IMBL program is scheduled to become active on October 1, 2013.

Because one of the municipalities in the Metro West IMBL program is also a member in an existing IMBL scheme with municipalities in the Fraser Valley, a concern arose (after adoption of Bylaw 9040) about the potential for confusion among licencees under the two programs. The purpose of the proposed bylaw amendment is to address any issues that may arise for a participating municipality being a member of more than one IMBL program.

Findings of Fact

The City of Surrey currently issues IMBLs under a program with nine (9) other Fraser Valley municipalities, and will be issuing IMBLs under the Metro West IMBL program when it becomes active on October 1, 2013. In order to ensure that the IMBLs issued by Surrey under the Fraser Valley program are not valid for the Metro West IMBL program, a provision is proposed to be added to the IMBL bylaws of all municipalities participating in the Metro West IMBL program. The provision would ensure that Fraser Valley IMBLs cannot be used to operate in the Metro West municipalities and vice versa.

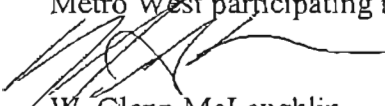
The provision in the proposed Amendment Bylaw would also apply if another Metro West municipality decides to participate in other IMBL programs.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact associated to this report

Conclusion

The Amendment Bylaw will bring greater clarity to the jurisdictional boundaries of an IMBL holder when carrying on business amongst municipalities that may be participating in more than one IMBL program, as well as establish consistent wording with the IMBL bylaws of other Metro West participating municipalities.



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**INTER-MUNICIPAL BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW No 9040,
Amendment Bylaw No. 9047**

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. **Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 9040**, is amended by:

(a) adding the following as section 19:

“19. Despite any other provision of this Bylaw, an *Inter-municipal Business Licence* granted in accordance with this Bylaw does not grant the holder a licence to operate in any jurisdiction other than within the jurisdictional boundaries of the *Participating Municipalities*. A business licence granted under any other inter-municipal business licence scheme is deemed not to exist for the purposes of this Bylaw even if a *Participating Municipality* is a participating member of the other inter-municipal business licence scheme.”

(b) re-numbering the existing sections 19, 20 and 21 as sections 20, 21 and 22 respectively.

2. This Bylaw is cited as “**Inter-municipal Business Licence Bylaw No. 9040, Amendment Bylaw No. 9047**”.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER