

License Bylaw Rewrite

Planning and Development

Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee

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Introduction

- Examples aimed at enhancing P&D services:
 - Process Review
 - Change of Use process
 - Land Use Bylaw
 - E-Permitting improvements
 - Special Events amendments & policy
 - **(Business) License Bylaw**

A Business license is normally obtained to operate a business in the RMWB.

Proposed Business License Bylaw Changes

- **One or two-year** license option.
- More options for **temporary businesses or short-term** vendors.
- **Discount incentive** for businesses that renew their license on time.
- Where applicable, the Municipality will **verify provincial licensing** requirements on behalf of businesses.
- **Simplified application** and renewal requirements.
- Clearer, simpler and **easier to understand** language and better organization to help businesses more easily find what they need.

Progress Update

Benchmarking with other municipalities is complete and potential improvements have been identified.

- City of Red Deer
- City of Lethbridge
- City of Grande Prairie
- City of Medicine Hat
- City of Airdrie
- City of Penticton
- City of Edmonton
- City of Calgary

Draft under internal review

Next Steps

Stakeholder engagement (early 2022):

- Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee
- Chamber of Commerce
- Fort McMurray Construction Association
- BILD Wood Buffalo
- Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Dvpt Corp & Tourism
- Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association
- Community Futures Wood Buffalo
- Keyano College
- Other local business associations and regulatory partners?

Targeting Council consideration by Q2 2022

Thank you & Questions