



City of Delta
COUNCIL REPORT
Regular Meeting

To: **Council**

File No.:

From: **Property Use & Compliance
Department**

Bylaw No(s): **8534, 8535**

Date: **October 16, 2025**

**Inter-Municipal Business Licence Fraser Valley to add Health Care
Professionals and Services**

The following report has been reviewed and endorsed by the City Manager's Office.

▪ **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- A. THAT Delta Inter-municipal Business Licence Fraser Valley Bylaw No. 8365, 2023, Amendment Bylaw No. 8534, 2025 be given first, second and third readings.
- B. THAT Delta Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement Fraser Valley Bylaw No. 8535, 2025 be given first, second and third readings.
- C. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized on behalf of Council to execute the Delta Inter-municipal Business Licence Agreement Fraser Valley.

▪ **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to present Council with information regarding the inclusion of health care professionals and services who only provide in-home care as businesses eligible for the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence ("IMBL")

▪ **BACKGROUND:**

Inter-municipal business licences (IMBLs) support dynamic local and regional economies. They reduce administrative and cost burdens by allowing eligible businesses to operate in multiple municipalities with the purchase of a single licence. The terms and conditions of an IMBL including the fee and licence administration are set out in a set of common bylaws enacted by each participating municipality. In BC there are 17 IMBL partnerships between 104 municipalities.

The City of Delta is an active participant in the Metro West IMBL program along with Vancouver, Richmond, Burnaby, New Westminster and Surrey. A change to those bylaws to add Home Health Care Services was approved in 2024.

The City of Delta also participates in the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence (IMBL) agreement, initially launched as a pilot in 2012/2013 with more municipalities

joining over the years to allow for businesses in the construction and trade industry to operate in the following municipalities:

- City of Abbotsford
- City of Chilliwack
- City of Delta
- Village of Harrison Hot Springs
- District of Hope
- District of Kent
- City of Langley
- Township of Langley
- City of Maple Ridge
- City of Mission
- City of Pitt Meadows
- City of Surrey

Under provisions of the IMBL agreement, businesses must obtain a business licence in their home municipality (the municipality where they maintain business premises) and for an additional fee, they obtain an IMBL. A condition of the IMBL is that businesses are required to comply with relevant by-law conditions of each municipality in which they work.

The IMBL fee was set at \$250 and a revenue sharing agreement among the participating municipalities was established in which each municipality retains 90% of its IMBL revenue and distributes the remaining 10% evenly among the other partners.

Uptake of the IMBL has been steady. In 2024 a total of 4,897 IMBLs were issued by participating municipalities.

▪ **DISCUSSION:**

Businesses that provide home healthcare and other in-home support services are ideal candidates for the Fraser Valley IMBL. Many serve clients in multiple Fraser Valley municipalities providing services that include in-home medical care, transportation, companionship, and home making.

Stakeholder Feedback

Staff met with the BC Care Providers Association, which expressed support for including businesses that provide in-home health care and related services in the Fraser Valley IMBL program. Staff heard that the reduced administrative and cost burdens would be welcomed by businesses operating in multiple municipalities. These changes may encourage expansion into new service areas and provide clients with greater access to service options. Staff propose to expand the IMBL definition of an “inter-municipal business” to include home health care professionals and services when the services are provided in the client’s home (Attachment A)

Implementation

Should the recommendations be approved by all participating municipalities, the Fraser Valley IMBL will be available to health care professionals and services businesses on January 1, 2026. Healthcare professionals and services businesses will be notified of

the IMBL opportunity by either direct e/mail, through social media channels and the municipal websites.

Implications:

Financial Implications – The City of Delta will benefit from an increase in licences sold as a partner in the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal agreement.

Intergovernmental Implications – All twelve participating municipalities must approve the recommendations for them to be implemented (Attachment B).

CONCLUSION:

Staff recommend that the City of Delta continue to participate in this Inter-Municipal Business Licence for the Fraser Valley and approve the expansion of the program to include health care professionals and services.



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This report has been prepared in consultation with the following listed department.

Concurring Department		
Department	Name	Signature
City Clerk	Michelle Jansson	MJ

▪ **ATTACHMENTS:**

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