

Staff Initiated Business Licensing Bylaw Amendments

Regular Board Meeting
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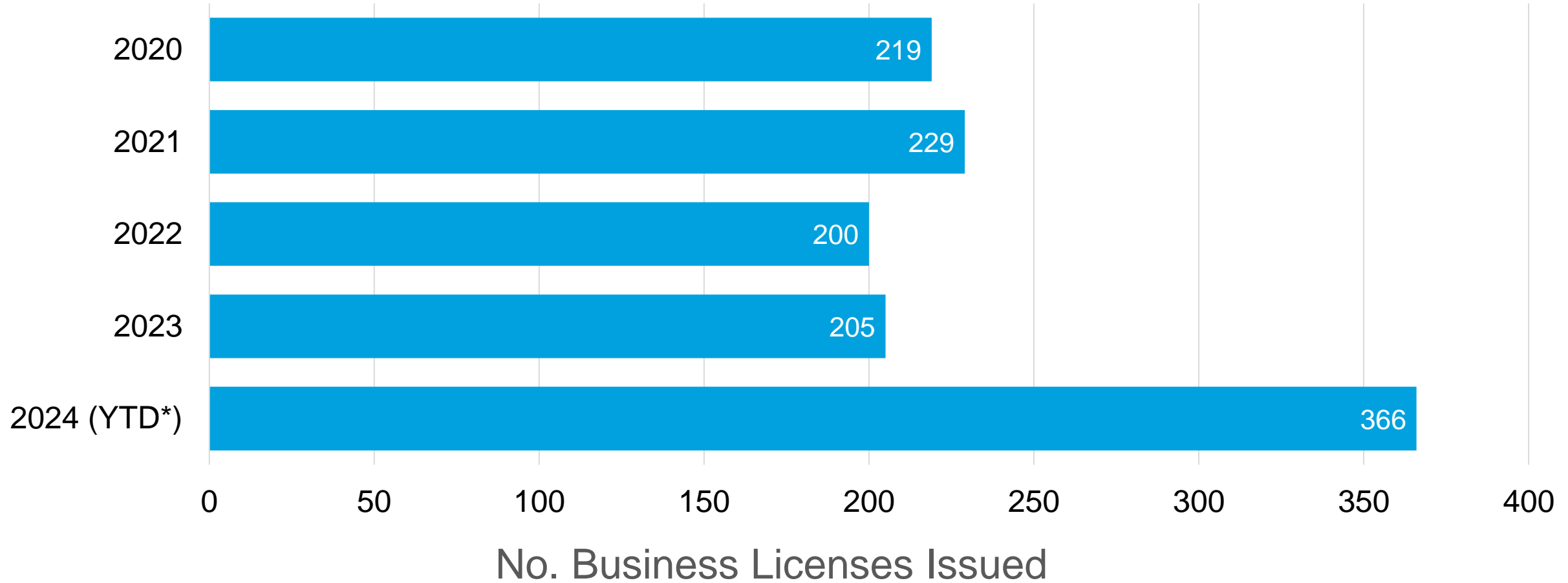
Purpose

To consider repealing and replacing the RDCO's Licensing and Regulation of Business Bylaw.

Background

- 1989** Order in Council – RDCO granted powers to regulate & licence business (the only Regional District in the Province)
- 1996** Licensing & Regulation of Business Bylaw No. 689 adopted
- 2004** Last significant fees and charges review
- 2023** LGA section 326.1 enacted, extending opportunity for business licensing authority to all Regional Districts
- 2024** BC's Short-Term Accommodations Act introduces requirements for hosts to display license numbers on provider's platforms (i.e. Air B'n'B)

Electoral Area Business License Demand



*YTD As of August 13, 2024

Proposed Updates

- Remove business types not permitted in Electoral Areas
- Introduce application fees
 - Standard Business
 - Short-Term Occupancy Accommodation Business
 - Cannabis Production Facility Business
- Increase annual fees to ensure cost recovery and improve regional consistency
- Administrative updates to enforcement bylaws

Proposed Fees

	Regional Average	RDCO	
		Current	Proposed
Application Intake Fees			
Standard Business	\$43		\$50
Short-Term Occupancy Accommodation	\$125		\$100
Cannabis Production Facility	\$1,958		\$1,000
Annual Business License Fees			
Standard Business	\$109	\$85	\$110
Short-Term Occupancy Accommodation	\$260	\$85	\$260
Bed & Breakfast Accommodation	\$169	\$85	\$260
Cannabis Production Facility	\$755	\$85	\$500

Advisory Committee Comments

The Planning Advisory Committee supports the proposed bylaw

Summary

New bylaw will help ensure cost recovery for the business licensing service, including:

- Initial application fees
- Different fees depending on the complexity of license applications
- Greater alignment with fees across the region
- Annual increase to reflect inflation costs

Recommendation

THAT the Regional Board gives first, second and third reading to Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw No. 1555;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopts Business Licensing and Regulation Bylaw No. 1555.

AND THAT the Regional Board gives first, second and third reading to Bylaw No.1556, Amendment No.1 to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.1538, 2023;

AND THAT the Regional Board adopts Bylaw No.1556, Amendment No.1 to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No.1538, 2023.

AND THAT the Regional Board gives first, second and third reading to Bylaw No.1557, Amendment No.1 to Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No.1537, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT the Regional Board adopts Bylaw No.1557, Amendment No.1 to Ticket Information Utilization Bylaw No.1537, 2023.