



**Village of Rycroft**  
**Request for Decision**  
**Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2020**

**TOPIC:** Business License Bylaw 221-20

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** That Council give first reading to the updated Business License Bylaw 221-20.

**BACKGROUND:** At the September 2 regular meeting of Council, Rycroft Farmer's Market Manager Kim Schramm appeared before Council as a delegation with a concern regarding the business license fees. Council gave direction to update the 2008 Business License Bylaw and note that the Farmer's Market vendors (and similar events like trade shows) are to be exempt from the business license fee.

The bylaw changes from the original Business License Bylaw 88-08 are attached. Aside from updating the format and some grammar, other suggested changes are:

Adding this definition: *"Trade Show/Farmer's Market/Flea Market" means a group of five or more persons gathered at a single site location and displaying to the public the types of goods they have for sale;*

Adding this to the exemption category:

*i) Trade Shows, Farmer's Markets, Flea Markets, and the like require one single license that covers all vendors under its organization;*

And also, administration further recommends adding this change to the exemption category:

*j) Any person under the age of eighteen (18) years providing individual light duty occasional services such as paper deliveries, babysitting, yard work, snow shoveling, etc.;*

And adding this standard bylaw clause:

*16. SEVERABILITY: If any portion of this bylaw is declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the invalid portion must be severed, and the remainder of the bylaw is deemed valid.*

Council should give first reading only to allow time for any public input into the bylaw, rather than completing all 3 readings at one sitting. Then the bylaw will be on the next agenda for final amendment or readings.

For information below is the listing from the Master Rates Bylaw for Business license fees:

**BUSINESS LICENCE FEES**

**RATE**

	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
○ Business	\$ 25	\$ 50
○ Hawker/Peddler	\$ 50	\$ 50/day or \$250/year
○ Food Trucks/Vendors	\$ 50	\$ 50/day or \$250/year
○ General Contractor	\$ 25	\$ 50
○ Sub-Contractor	\$ 25	\$ 50
○ Home Based Business	\$ 25	
○ Apartment Houses	\$ 25	
○ Amusement Places	\$ 4 - \$200 per machine	
- Amount to be set by Council for each period allowed, provided such license is granted		

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The vendors in the Weekly Farmer's Market in Rycroft would be exempt from the annual business license fee.

**POLICY AND/OR LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS:** None.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:**

1. Council could suggest further changes to the Business License Bylaw 221-20.
2. Council could complete all three readings of the bylaw.
3. Council could request that new fees for Business Licenses be considered at budget time.

**ATTACHMENTS:** Amended Business License Bylaw 221-20.

Peter Thomas

Chief Administrative Officer

September 10, 2020

Date