

EDC Business Summit Business Licence Update

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**BOWEN ISLAND
Municipality**

Business Licence Bylaw No. 465

- Adopted October 8, 2018 – came into effect January 1, 2019
- In Transition Period – no enforcement but focus on education and awareness
- Application form here, or on our website
- www.bowenislandmunicipality.ca/licences
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Business licensing ensures land use regulations, building and fire codes and other community health and safety requirements are followed.

It assists in collecting important statistics about local businesses to help understand trends that impact municipal policy decisions.

It will help the Municipality better understand the economy of Bowen Island, allowing for better planning, and enabling support for Bowen Island businesses.

Business Licences

- 136 applications
- 1 Issued to date
- More planned late Feb, early March
- Targeted education planned for April



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LICENCE PROGRAM
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Ideas?

**Ideas,
questions,
comments...**

Businesses Licence Fees

Category	Fee
Bed & Breakfast	\$100
Commercial	\$125
Commercial Guest Accommodation	\$100
Contractor	\$100
Guest House	\$100
Home-Based Business with Public Access	\$100
Home-Based Business without Public Access	\$25
Non-Profit Organization	\$0
Non-Resident Business	\$100

Types of businesses that need a licence

- Commercial businesses such as grocery stores, restaurants, retail stores and farm stores
- Bed & Breakfast accommodations
- Home-based businesses such as hair salons, accountants and craftsperson workshops (note, there are different fees for home-based businesses, depending on whether the business has hours open to the public)
- Contractors
- Non-profit organizations (no fee required)
- Off-island businesses that are performing work on Bowen Island

Types of businesses that do not need a licence

- Yard or garage sales
- Buskers or street entertainers
- Vendors selling goods at a farmer's market or craft fair that is already licensed
- Off-island businesses that are delivering or selling goods to merchants who are reselling the goods on Bowen Island
- Rental properties subject to the *Residential Tenancy Act*