

January 2021

# City Business Info



## Business licence due date

All business licence renewals paid on or after April 1, 2021 will be subject to a \$25 late fee.

## Paying your business licence

There are five ways you can pay your business licence. Find your six digit account/customer number on your bill.

1. **Online banking** at participating financial institutions
2. **Telephone** at participating financial institutions
3. **Mail** - 410 Kinchant St, Quesnel, BC, V2J 7J5
4. **In-person** at City Hall by cash, cheque or debit card. Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm excluding holidays. **Credit cards are not accepted.**
5. **After hours** - drop cheques in the drop box at City Hall (located on the side of the front entrance).

**REMINDER:** Make sure you allow for payment processing delays. Payments will be sent by your financial institution to us within three to five business days. Your account will not be credited until we receive your payment.

## Update your business information

Has your business name, location, mailing address, or ownership changed this year? Make sure you let us know so we have your correct information on file.

Fill out the General Business Licence Application to update your business information. Find the Application at City Hall or online at [quesnel.ca](http://quesnel.ca).

## Business locations

Prior to opening a new business or making a location change, speak with Development Services to determine if your property is:

- 1) zoned correctly for its use; and
- 2) that the occupancy and occupant load of the building is permitted.

Email [devservices@quesnel.ca](mailto:devservices@quesnel.ca) or visit [quesnel.ca/business-services/business-licences](http://quesnel.ca/business-services/business-licences) for more information.

# Love Quesnel

Get the word out about your small business by joining this program. Love Quesnel provides each business with an online profile, and social media marketing support. Additional perks and workshops are available to members through Northern Development Initiative Trust. Find out if you're eligible at [lovequesnel.com](http://lovequesnel.com). Follow @lovequesnel on Facebook to learn more about locally owned businesses!

## Business Support Team

Early in the pandemic, the City of Quesnel partnered with Community Futures North Cariboo, Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce, Quesnel Downtown Association, and West Quesnel Business Association to form the Business Support Team. The team called nearly every business in Quesnel to ensure they were connected to the supports offered to business by the Federal and Provincial governments. The team assisted 220 businesses to connect to over \$4.1 million in support funds between April – June, 2020.

Community Futures and the City of Quesnel have partnered again to continue to support business. Our Business Outreach Coordinator, Charlene Lawrence, is calling businesses in Quesnel. New programs have been announced, and some programs have changed since the early days of the pandemic. We want to make sure that all eligible businesses are able to access the supports available to them. We also want to hear from businesses who have found opportunity to pivot or grow during the pandemic. There may be resources available for those businesses as well. Watch for a call from 250-985-1840, with caller ID QuesnelBizHelp. If you need urgent support, please email [clawrence@quesnel.ca](mailto:clawrence@quesnel.ca) for a prioritized call.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Quesnel maintains a Business Resource Guide of local, regional, provincial, and national resources for business. Resources include rebates for increasing energy efficiency, peer mentoring opportunities, funding for training and/or consulting services. Visit [quesnel.ca/business-resources](http://quesnel.ca/business-resources).

## Façade improvement

Thinking about improving the exterior of your building this year? You may be eligible for a grant up to \$5000.00. The program offers grants to private businesses/property owners and non-profit societies for qualifying façade improvement projects. For more info, contact Lyndon at 250-992-2111 or visit [quesnel.ca/city-incentives](http://quesnel.ca/city-incentives).

## Consuming liquor in your business

Can your customers buy and consume liquor while in your business? If yes, then your business falls under the Establishments Serving Liquor category.

Licences under this category cost \$125.

Contact City Hall for more information at 250-992-2111.

## Call for interest

Cooperative marketing opportunity with the City of Quesnel for businesses and organizations in the following industries: tourism; agriculture; mining; forestry; construction and manufacturing; retail; and business support and resources (finance, insurance, non-profits).

Examples of possible opportunities: A restaurant being featured in a sample itinerary for visitors; OR the City partnering with a forestry company to submit an editorial and advertisement in a resource publication.

Submit your business/organization contact information to Jennifer Reed, Economic Development Coordinator at 250-991-7480 or [jreed@quesnel.ca](mailto:jreed@quesnel.ca).

The City cannot guarantee all interested parties will be presented an opportunity for cooperative marketing.