

# MINUTES



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## PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.**

COMMITTEE ROOM A, SECOND FLOOR  
MISSISSAUGA CIVIC CENTRE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

- Members Present: Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 (**CHAIR**)  
Councillor Carmen Corbasson, Ward 1 (**VICE CHAIR**)  
Debbie Willchuk (Citizen Member)  
Gurvel Singh (City Area Taxicab Drivers)  
Mark Sexsmith (City Area Taxicab Owners)  
Peter Ishak (Elected at Large)  
Digvijay Singh Rana (Taxicab Brokerages)  
Mayor Hazel McCallion (ex officio)
- Members Absent: Al Cormier (Citizen Member)  
Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)
- Others Present: Elaine Buckstein, Director of Enforcement  
James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Jamie Hinton, Manager, Compliance & Licensing Enforcement  
Edward Nicolucci, Manager, Environmental Management, Community Services  
Andrea McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management, Community Services  
Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk  
Individuals from the Taxicab and Tow Truck Industries

CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

A. Item 6 Ms. Andrea McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management, Community Services

Ms. McLeod explained the community outreach that the Environmental Management group is implementing with respect to the new Idling Control By-law, which included a mock ticket, first line of information pamphlet, and vehicle magnet. In addition, they have posted signs and posters throughout the City in transit terminals, schools, and community centres. She explained that they launched the first community education awareness blitz in October 2009 which targeted locations throughout Mississauga where they received positive responses from drivers. The group is planning a second blitz in the spring. Meanwhile, internally the group has been conducting staff workshops and lunch and learn sessions. Ms. McLeod offered to provide information sessions to taxicab drivers.

Ms. McLeod responded to questions of Committee with respect to the timing of community blitzes.

Committee concurred to move item 6 of this agenda forward to be dealt with in conjunction with Deputation A.

6. Idling Control By-law

By-law 0194-2009, a By-law to prohibit the unnecessary idling of vehicles in the City of Mississauga. Correspondence dated July 27, 2009 from Peter Pellier with respect to the new Idling Control By-law 0194-2009.

Discussion ensued between Committee and Environmental staff with respect to the possibility of including taxicabs under the definition of transit vehicle which would grant taxicabs an exemption from the By-law. Committee members expressed the importance of taxicabs providing a public service and staff explained the benchmarking they undertook and encouraged the taxicab industry to continue with the existing wording in the By-law on an interim basis and indicated that the issue could be reviewed at a later time if there is still a concern.

Committee Chair suggested that this is an issue that should be brought to General Committee for debate.

Mark Sexsmith moved the following motion, which was voted upon and carried:

*PVAC-0010-2009*

1. *That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee recommends that the City's Idling Control By-law 0194-2009 be amended to include taxicabs under the definition of "Transit Vehicle" and that Environmental Management Division staff be directed to bring a Corporate Report to General Committee in a timely manner, to give affect thereto.*
2. *That correspondence dated July 27, 2009 from Peter Pellier with respect to the City's Idling Control By-law 0194-2009, be received.*

**Please note that recommendation PVAC-0010-2009 was amended by General Committee on November 18, 2009.**

Direction (Mark Sexsmith)

BL.08.IDL

B. Item 7            Karma Punian with respect to airport taxis

Mr. Punian addressed Committee on behalf of the Airport Taxicab Association and expressed support for Committee Chair's letter attached to this agenda. He submitted a memorandum dated November 10, 2009 to Committee Chair outlining this issue.

Committee concurred to move item 7 of this agenda forward to be dealt with in conjunction with Deputation B.

7. Exemption for Airport Permitted Taxis

Memorandum dated October 30, 2009 from Chair Councillor Nando Iannicca with respect to a proposed exemption for airport permitted taxis in Mississauga.

Elaine Buckstein, Director of Enforcement, commented that she is pleased to see the resolution of this issue.

Mayor McCallion was also pleased to have a resolution to this issue. She commented that Mississauga must show appreciation and cooperate with this legislation. The Mayor sought feedback from industry members.

Chair Iannicca asked industry members for input on the proposed amendments and any information that would be helpful to staff as they move forward with the By-law amendments and agreements. Committee members provided no comments.

Staff noted that the By-law may be implemented by the end of 2009.

Mark Sexsmith moved the following amended motion, which was voted upon and carried:

*PVAC-0011-2009*

1. *That the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, be amended to permit airport permitted taxi operators from municipalities other than Mississauga to transport passengers from a point within Mississauga to the Lester B. Pearson International Airport situated within the municipal boundaries of Mississauga.*
2. *That City staff be directed to work with the staff from the Greater Toronto Airport Authority ("GTAA") to develop a Memorandum of Understanding between the GTAA and the City of Mississauga to ensure that the currently licensed Mississauga airport permit and licence holders are restricted from using another municipality's licence and returning the Mississauga taxi licence to operate in the City without an airport permit.*
3. *That City staff be directed to work with the staff from the Greater Toronto Airport Authority ("GTAA") to develop a protocol for improving access for Mississauga City taxis to service the airport during peak traffic periods when the demand for taxis is beyond the capacity for the GTAA licensed fleet to service. This should include the procedure for notification of the brokerages that extra service is needed, as well as an examination of the possibility of having the city taxis billed for pickups through the existing transponder system.*
4. *That correspondence from Peter Pellier dated November 6, 2009, Sami Khairallah of Aeroport Taxi & Limosine Services dated November 6, 2009, Ramesh Mehta of A-1 Airline Taxi & Van Services dated November 7, 2009, and Karma Punian dated November 10, 2009, be received.*

Amended (Mark Sexsmith)  
TS.19.AIR

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

June 9, 2009 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes.

Adopted as Presented (Gurvel Singh)  
MG.04

2. 2010 Meeting Dates

Committee discussed the 2010 meeting dates and Councillor Corbasson moved the following motion, which was voted upon and carried:

*PVAC-0012-2009*

*That Clerk's Division staff report back with respect to the possibility of rescheduling the proposed September 14, 2010 meeting date for the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee.*

Direction (Carmen Corbasson)  
MG.04

3. Licence Fees and Set Fines Review

This matter was referred from Budget Committee on October 20, 2009. Corporate Report dated October 8, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department with respect to licence fees and set fines review.

Enforcement staff responded to questions from Committee. Councillor Corbasson moved the following motion, which was voted upon and carried:

*PVAC-0013-2009*

*That the Corporate Report dated October 8, 2009 from the Transportation and Works Department titled "Licence Fees and Set Fines Review – Mobile Licensing Enforcement", be received for information.*

Received for Information (Carmen Corbasson)

FA.11

Committee concurred to deal with item 4 in conjunction with item 5.

4. Summary of Taxi Vehicles in Mississauga

Memorandum from James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement, providing a summary of taxi vehicles in Mississauga. (*Memorandum was handed out at the meeting by James Bisson*)

Enforcement staff explained that this memorandum was designed to be a discussion piece as staff continued with annual statistics to review how the industry is affected by changes to the By-law.

Committee provided feedback to Enforcement staff with respect to issues surrounding the number of years a vehicle is permitted, different types of vehicles as well as fuel sources.

Enforcement staff responded to questions from Committee with respect to their vehicle inspection processes for taxicab vehicles.

Committee directed that Enforcement staff include costing associated with operating various vehicles, including hybrid fuel source vehicles, in their annual report on this issue. Digvijay Singh Rana moved the following motion, which was voted upon and carried:

*PVAC-0014-2009*

*That the memorandum dated October 28, 2009 from James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement, providing a report on Mississauga Taxi Vehicles and correspondence dated October 26, 2009 from Al Cormier, citizen member, with respect to hybrid taxi vehicles, be referred to Enforcement Division staff to prepare a Corporate Report*

*for the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee, at its next meeting, with respect to the Mississauga taxi vehicle fleet and hybrid vehicles.*

Referred / Direction (Digvijay Singh Rana)

TS.19

Committee concurred to deal with item 4 in conjunction with item 5.

5. Hybrid Taxi Vehicles

Correspondence dated October 26, 2009 from Al Cormier, citizen member, with respect to hybrid taxi vehicles.

See Item 4 (PVAC-0014-2009)

TS.19

8. Harmonized Tax

James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement, gave a verbal update with respect to the proposed Harmonized Tax. A report will be prepared for Committee's consideration.

Peter Pellier, a member of the taxicab industry, provided information on the issue and commented that an increase of taxi rates is not a good idea at this time.

LA.07.TAX

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

9. Subcommittee on the Towing Industry meeting held on June 22, 2009

Mark Sexsmith moved the following motions, which were voted on and carried:

*PVAC-0015-2009 (TIS-0001-2009)*

*That the Terms of Reference for the Towing Industry Subcommittee of PVAC, as presented to the Towing Industry Subcommittee at its meeting on June 22, 2009, be approved.*

*PVAC-0016-2009 (TIS-0002-2009)*

*That the correspondence dated March 30, 2009 from Full Service Auto Centre concerning storage fees and Vehicle Pound Facilities be referred to Enforcement Division staff to report back to the Towing Industry Subcommittee.*

*PVAC-0017-2009 (TIS-0003-2009)*

*That the memorandum dated June 16, 2009 from Evelyn Eichenbaum, Legislative Coordinator listing meeting dates for the Towing Industry Subcommittee for the balance of 2009, be received.*

Approved (Mark Sexsmith)  
MG.04.TOW

10. Subcommittee on the Towing Industry meeting held on September 15, 2009

It was noted that Councillor Carolyn Parrish was in attendance at the September 15, 2009 Subcommittee meeting.

Councillor Corbasson moved the following motions, which were voted on and carried:

*PVAC-0018-2009 (TIS-0004-2009)*

*That the amended 2010 meeting dates for the PVAC Towing Industry Subcommittee, be approved.*

*PVAC-0019-2009 (TIS-0005-2009)*

*That the following items presented to the Towing Industry Subcommittee of PVAC at its meeting on September 15, 2009 be received:*

1. *Correspondence dated June 23, 2009 from Armando Tallarico, John Lyons and Tullio Pento concerning the June 22, 2009 Towing Industry Subcommittee meeting, be received.*
2. *September 4, 2009 memorandum from Evelyn Eichenbaum, Legislative Coordinator, attaching the January 6, 2009 Corporate Report from the City Solicitor concerning Bill 87, the Towing Industry Act.*

*PVAC-0020-2009 (TIS-0006-2009)*

*That the Towing Industry Subcommittee of PVAC will forward its comments concerning A Review of Tow Truck Licensing and Related Storage Issues subject to staff reporting back on towing rates and extra fees charged throughout the Greater Toronto Area.*

Approved (Carmen Corbasson)  
MG.04.TOW

11. International Association of Transportation Regulators 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Memorandum from James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement, with respect to the International Association of Transportation Regulators 19<sup>th</sup> annual conference. *(Memorandum was handed out at the meeting by James Bisson)*

Mr. Bisson expressed interest in creating a driver recognition program for Mississauga and sought feedback from Committee.

Councillor Corbasson moved the following motion, which was voted on and carried:

*PVAC-0021-2009*

*That Enforcement Division staff be directed to prepare a report to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with respect to creating a driver recognition program in the City of Mississauga with the intention of participating in the International Driver Recognition Ceremony to take place at the International Association of Transportation Regulators Annual Conference in 2010.*

Direction (Carmen Corbasson)

MG.04

12. Date of Next Meeting

February 9, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gurvel Singh expressed concern that there are taxi plates issued that are not operational and suggested that standards for operation be implemented.

Councillor Corbasson moved the following motion, which was voted on and carried:

*PVAC-0022-2009*

*That Enforcement Division staff be directed to prepare a report to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with respect to the possibility of restricting taxicab fleet operations.*

Direction (Carmen Corbasson)

BL.10.TAX

ADJOURNMENT – 11:06 a.m.