



MINUTES

PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 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**)
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)
Debbie Willchuk (Citizen Member)
Gurvel Singh (City Area Taxicab Drivers)
Mark Sexsmith (City Area Taxicab Owners)
Peter Ishak (Elected at Large)
- Members Absent: Digvijay Singh Rana (Taxicab Brokerages)
Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)
- Staff Present: James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Jessica Reid, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER – 9:32 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

- A. Item 2 Ms. Andrea McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management, Community Services

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

- September 22, 2008

Approved (Al Cormier)
MG.04

2. Draft Idling Control By-law

Memorandum dated May 8, 2009 from Andrea McLeod, Environmental Coordinator, Environmental Management, Community Services with respect to the draft Idling Control By-law.

Ms. McLeod explained that staff were directed by the Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee to develop a by-law for the regulation of vehicle idling toward air emission reduction in the City of Mississauga. The proposed Idling Control by-law represents the City's commitment toward reducing vehicle emissions that contribute to climate change and poor air quality. The City will be re-launching its anti-idling education campaign after the by-law is enacted. Ms. McLeod indicated that City staff would like to work with this Committee to relay the message to the taxicab industry.

Ms. McLeod and Edward Nicolucci, Manager, Environmental Management, Community Services, responded to questions from Committee with respect to the content of the proposed by-law. Committee expressed concern that taxicabs and limos were not exempt from the by-law and Mr. Nicolucci advised that the proposed by-law contains a clause which confirms that the *Highway Traffic Act* would supersede the Idling Control By-law. This clause in the by-law satisfied Committee's concerns.

It was noted that a staff report recommending this proposed by-law would be presented to General Committee at its meeting on June 10, 2009. Committee requested that staff report back to this Committee after the by-law has been enacted in order to promote and relay information about the by-law to the industry.

Received for Information / Direction (Mark Sexsmith)
See recommendation PVAC-0001-2009
BL.08.IDL

3. Bi-Annual Taxicab Tariff Review

Corporate Report dated May 28, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department with respect to the bi-annual taxicab tariff review.

It was noted that staff are reviewing the tariff and will bring a report back to the next meeting of this Committee with respect to vehicles.

Committee was reminded that it previously discussed implementing regular methodology reviews of the licence issuance on even number years. Staff concurred that 2010 would be an appropriate year to implement such review.

Received for Information / Direction (Peter Ishak)

See recommendation PVAC-0002-2009

BL.10.PUB

4. Transfer of Taxicab Owner Licences

Corporate Report dated May 28, 2009 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department providing proposed amendments to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 with respect to the transfer of taxicab owner licences from the estate of a taxicab owner.

Recommendation:

1. That Schedule 8 Section 51 of By-law 0420-2004, be amended to require that a Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee With a Will and the Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee Without a Will be provided prior to approving the transfer of a taxicab owner licence by an estate trustee.
2. That Schedule 8 Section 51 of By-law 0420-2004, be amended to allow the shares of a corporation which owns a taxicab licence to be transferred to the spouse of a deceased owner without the spouse requiring a taxicab driver's licence.
3. That Schedule 8 Section 51 of By-law 0420-2004, be amended to indicate that a taxicab owner licence shall automatically become an asset of the deceased owner's estate upon his/her death and that the licence shall only be suspended when the owner's name appears on the vehicle ownership.
4. That the necessary by-law be enacted to the satisfaction of Legal Services.

Approved (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

See recommendation PVAC-0003-2009

BL.10.PUB

5. Proposed Provincial Legislation – Use of Cell Phones in Vehicles

Letter dated May 15, 2009 from Mark Sexsmith, Committee Member with respect to the proposed Provincial legislation governing the use of cell phones in vehicles.

Staff explained that the proposed Provincial legislation would apply to hand held devices and not meter displays or two-way radios.

Received for Information (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

See recommendation PVAC-0004-2009

MG.04

6. Proposed Harmonized Tax

Letter dated May 15, 2009 from Mark Sexsmith, Committee Member with respect to the proposed harmonization of GST and PST.

Discussion ensued with respect to the potential affects on the taxicab industry. Committee directed staff to report back on the potential impacts on the taxicab industry.

Received for Information / Direction (Al Cormier)

See recommendation PVAC-0005-2009

MG.04

7. 2009 Schedule of Meetings

Memorandum dated October 24, 2008 from Kevin Arjoon, Legislative Coordinator for the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee to advise the Chair and members of the schedule for meetings in 2009.

Received (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

See recommendation PVAC-0006-2009

MG.04

8. Items for Information

8.1 Email dated April 20, 2009 from James Bisson, Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement, presented to Public Vehicle Advisory Committee at its meeting on June 9, 2009, with respect to the passing of Mr. Gord MacKenna, taxi driver/dispatcher since 1976.

Received for Information (Councillor Carmen Corbasson)

See recommendation PVAC-0007-2009

MG.04.INF

9. Date of Next Meeting – September 8, 2009 – 9:30 a.m.

OTHER BUSINESSA. Accessible Public Vehicles

Email dated February 18, 2009 from Mark Sexsmith and email dated March 31, 2009 from Ron Baumber of Golden Taxi (2008), distributed at the meeting.

Staff explained that currently non-transferable accessible licenses are issued by the Manager of Mobile Licensing Enforcement in accordance with the City by-law and explained the process for obtaining one. The taxicab industry will be subject to the proposed Accessible Transportation Standard under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) when it becomes law which may require issuance of more accessible taxicabs. Staff commented that the current method is being monitored and is not being abused. Al Cormier, Chair of Accessible Transportation Standard Development Committee provided some insight on how the standard might impact the taxicab industry and that it may be up to the Municipality to set standards on accessible fleets. Committee directed staff to report back on the matter at a time that is timely with the AODA Accessible Transportation Standard becoming law.

Received / Referred (Al Cormier)

See recommendation PVAC-0008-2009

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B. Models of Public Vehicles, Duration of License, and Appropriate Attire

Undated letter from Boutros Ishak distributed at the meeting.

Committee referred the letter to staff for appropriate action and suggested that:

- i) items 1 and 2 of the letter were previously dealt with under recommendation PVAC-0002-2009 relating to the staff report on vehicles;
- ii) staff report back with respect to item 3 regarding duration of taxicab licenses;
- iii) no action be taken with respect to item 4 regarding driver's apparel.

Received / Referred (Al Cormier)

See recommendation PVAC-0008-2009

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C. Possible Mandate for Snow Tires on Public Vehicles in Mississauga

Committee directed that staff review and report back to this Committee with respect to the viability of implementing mandatory snow tires for public vehicles in Mississauga.

Direction (Mark Sexsmith)

See recommendation PVAC-0009-2009

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ADJOURNMENT – 10:46 a.m.