



# MINUTES

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## TOWING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2013 – 9:06 AM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**SECOND FLOOR, MISSISSAUGA CIVIC CENTRE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO**  
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**Members Present:** Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (**Chair**)  
John C. Lyons (Citizen Member) (**Vice Chair**)  
Mark Bell (Citizen Member)  
Daniel Ghanime (Citizen Member)  
Tullio (Tony) Pento (Citizen Member)  
Armando Tallarico (Citizen Member)  
Daniel R. Wallace (Citizen Member)

**Members Absent:** Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7

**Staff Present:** Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – 9:06 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST –nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

That the minutes of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting held on June 11, 2013 be approved as presented.

Approved (D. Wallace)

2. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to Include a Two Tier Tow Truck Licensing System

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the matter of a two tier tow truck licensing system to include “General Towing for Hire” and “Contract Towing Not for Hire”. Mr. Bell noted that the classifications would solve a number of concerns related to chase tow trucks, vehicles being towed outside the City of Mississauga and that it would allow contract companies to operate in Mississauga without a registered vehicle pound facility (VPF).

Daniel R. Wallace, Citizen Member expressed concerns related to the classification of Contract Towing Not for Hire and noted the need for a new class of licenses for collision towing.

Lisa Goncalves, Abrams Towing enquired if Abrams Towing would need two types of licenses as they complete both classifications. Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided clarification for both classifications.

Discussion ensued with respect to the fees associated to both classifications, CAA owning a pound facility, if the City of Mississauga would have enough staff to enforce the By-law, contract companies chasing accidents, vehicles being towed outside City boundaries, a collision response unit, public safety and private towing companies such as scrap vehicle businesses.

Joey Gagne, Abrams Towing spoke to concerns in the towing industry and that the two tier license system would rectify issues in the industry.

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the corporate report titled “Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to Include a Two Tier Tow Truck Licensing System” from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated December 4, 2013 be referred to a January 2014 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Approved (J. Lyons)

Recommendation TIAC-0008-2013

3. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, Requiring Tow Truck Driver Safety Clothing and Identification

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to concerns received regarding the need to identify tow truck drivers at a scene of a collision and that drivers are currently not wearing safety clothing.

Discussion ensued with respect to requirements on a name tag, fluorescent safety colours, and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That a by-law be enacted to amend the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, effective February 1, 2014, outlining the requirements for tow truck driver safety clothing and identification as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated December 4, 2013.
2. That in addition to the requirements outlined in the corporate report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated December 4, 2013 for tow truck drivers when out of the tow truck at both accident and non-accident scenes be amended to add the following:

- a fluorescent yellow vest or a combination of yellow and orange reflective material
- an identification badge showing the tow truck driver's first initial and last name

Received (D. Wallace)

Recommendation TIAC-0009-2013

4. 2014 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the memorandum dated December 5, 2013 from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the proposed 2014 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting dates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated December 5, 2013 from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the proposed 2014 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting dates be received.

Received (A. Tallarico)

TIAC-0010-2013

4. Action List – Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Held on June 11, 2013

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the action list.

RECOMMENDATION

That the action list of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting held on June 11, 2013 provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received.

Received (J. Lyons)

Recommendation TIAC-0011-2013

OTHER BUSINESS

David Brown, David Brown Associates, spoke to the current concerns in the towing industry, the Tow Truck Licensing By-law of the City of Mississauga, proposed amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law and a vehicle pound facility.

Discussion ensued with respect to regarding vehicle pound facilities and created a subcommittee to discuss the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the deputation by David Brown, David Brown Associates regarding tow truck licensing be received.
2. That Councillor Starr, Councillor Iannicca, John C. Lyons, Daniel R. Wallace, Armando Tallarico, be appointed to the Towing Industry Advisory Subcommittee to discuss the matter of vehicle pound facilities and that a representative from Abrams Towing be invited to participate in the discussion.

Received (J. Lyons)

TIAC-0012-2013

ADJOURNMENT – 10:22 A.M