



MINUTES

TOWING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 - 9:32 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, L5B 3C1

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Members

Members Present: Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (**Chair**)
John C. Lyons (Citizen Member) (**Vice Chair**)
Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7
Daniel Ghanime (Citizen Member)
Tullio (Tony) Pento (Citizen Member)
Armando Tallarico (Citizen Member)
Daniel R. Wallace (Citizen Member)

Members Absent: Mark Bell (Citizen Member)

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

CALL TO ORDER – 9:32 A.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting minutes from June 10, 2014.

Approved (Councillor Iannicca)

2. By-law to Prohibit Solicitation at an Accident Scene for all Non-Tow Truck Related Persons

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the Corporate Report dated November 19, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to a by-law to prohibit solicitation at an accident scene for all non-tow truck related persons.

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 19, 2014 and entitled “By-law to Prohibit Solicitation at an Accident Scene for all Non-Tow Truck Related Persons” be received.
2. That staff incorporate comments received from the Towing Industry Advisory Committee into a report for consideration by General Committee for the recommended drafting of an accident scene solicitation by-law.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation TIAC-0014-2014

3. Two Tier Tow Truck Licensing System

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the Corporate Report November 20, 2014 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works with respect to amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to include a two tier tow truck licensing system.

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 20, 2014 and entitled “Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to include a Two Tier Tow Truck Licensing System” be received.
2. That staff incorporate comments received from the Towing Industry Advisory Committee into a report for consideration by General Committee for amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to include a two tier tow truck licensing system.

Received (J. Lyons)

Recommendation TIAC-0015-2014

4. Forms in Tow Trucks

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal update regarding the permission to tow forms. He noted that work orders are not allowed and that staff are reviewing the current forms to ensure residents are able to identify what they are signing.

5. Bill 15

Councillor Starr and Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement spoke to Bill 15 and noted that the City of Mississauga was not part of the original discussion and that City staff have now provided the Province with comments on behalf of the City of Mississauga and members of the industry. Mr. Frost noted that the Province gave no indication during the consultation process of where they were headed or the timing of Bill 15 and that staff are currently reviewing the legislative and the impact it would have on the towing industry.

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to Bill 15 and noted that a number of the Provinces concerns are already addressed in City of Mississauga by-laws. Mr. Bell spoke to concerns raised by industry members.

Councillor Iannicca spoke to implications on enforcing Provincial legislation and enquired about timing and next steps. Mr. Bell noted that no clear direction had been provided to the City and that Bill 15 is not a full legislation is it simply a Bill as proposed legislation. Councillor Iannicca requested that staff prepare a report outlining Bill 15 and possibly invite a Member of Parliament to the next TIAC meeting.

Allan McConnell, East Gate Towing expressed concern with the City of Mississauga not being part of the consultation process with the Province and enquired how the Province is going to use the City of Mississauga by-laws as a model. Councillor Starr noted that the City is now invited to all meetings going forward. Mr. McConnell later expressed frustration with appointed citizen members not expressing their concerns. Daniel Wallace, Citizen Member noted that the Committee is taking in all comments from the industry and that the industry and City need to be in a united front.

Todd Keely TLK Towing enquired where the City stands as a municipality on a fight for the towing industry. Councillor Starr noted that currently the City does not have all the proposed rules and regulations.

Robert Fluney, Seneca Towing enquired if there would be any changes to the size of tow trucks in the new year as there's concerns about parking in residential driveways. Mr. Bell noted that previous reports had already been brought to the Committee and that the City does not have any authority to outlaw single wheel trucks. He further noted that under the current by-law trucks are not allowed to park in residential neighbours. Mr. Fluney spoke to miscommunication within the industry and requested to be part of a mailing list.

Dan Sanderson, NAP Towing Association, spoke to previous actions taken towards the Province, truck sizes, Federal Law, self-regulations, productivity loss, loss of driver's income and that tow truck drivers keep the City moving. Councillor Starr noted that Council is aware of what is going on in the industry and expressed empathy for the industry.

RECOMMENDATION

That Licensing and Enforcement staff bring a report to the February 17, 2014 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting to outline their top five concerns with Bill 15.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation TIAC-0016-2014

6. 2015 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the memorandum dated November 17, 2014 from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the proposed 2015 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting dates.

7. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) reviewed the Action list from June 10, 2014 on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings.

RECOMMENDATION

That the action list of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting held on December 1, 2014 provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received.

Received (J. Lyons)

Recommendation TIAC-0017-2014

OTHER BUSINESS

Bobby Meragu (sp), Bobby's Towing expressed concerns with not being able to renew his towing license as he was late and missed the deadline. Councillor Starr noted that he would review the matter with Staff.

Joe McGrey, Atlantic Towing enquired why the City is currently not fighting against Bill 15. Councillor Staff noted that the City of Mississauga does not have all the facts and regulations regarding Bill 15. Councillor Starr spoke to the capital cost associated to run a business.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, February 17, 2014

ADJOURNMENT – 10:40 A.M.