



MINUTES

TOWING INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2014 - 9:02 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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

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

Staff Present: Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement
Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the
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CALL TO ORDER – 9:02 A.M.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting minutes from May 6, 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) discussed the Corporate Report dated April 24, 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.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member expressed concerns with the proposed amendments as it resembles the City of Hamilton towing by-law and noted that it would restrict tow trucks at an accident scene.

Daniel R. Wallace, Citizen Member expressed concerns with the proposed amendments as it would prohibit tow truck drivers from doing their job at an accident scene and that limitations would be placed on drivers.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member expressed concerns with the proposed amendments. He spoke to the current City of Mississauga towing by-law and current practices at an accident scene.

Todd Keely, TLK Towing expressed concerns and spoke to the negative effects of not allowing solicitation at an accident scene.

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided clarification regarding the proposed amendments and noted that the current by-law already has a non-solicitation

rule and that the proposed amendments are restricting other individuals from soliciting at an accident scene.

Members of the Committee provided clarification of the steps involved of clearing an accident scene and the involvement of the Peel Regional Police (PRP) at an accident scene.

Daniel R. Wallace, Citizen Member spoke to the recent encryption of the PRP radio as this is a major concern for industry members as drivers are not able to do their job.

Councillor Iannicca and Councillor Starr noted the need for more information and documentation on this matter and the need for it to come back for discussion.

Michael Hoady (sp), MVC Towing spoke to the proposed amendments and inquired who would be effected and if insurance companies are included in the prohibition of solicitation. Daryl Bell noted that this by-law is strictly at an accident scene when solicitation occurs within two hundred meters of the collision and insurance companies would be included.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member spoke to the difficulties of restricting insurance companies at an accident scene and expressed concerns with the proposed amendments to the by-law as it would affect tow truck drivers.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of a by-law to prohibit solicitation at an accident scene for all non-tow truck related persons be deferred to a future Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Deferred (Councillor Iannicca)

Recommendation TIAC-0011-2014

3. Two Tier Tow Truck Licensing System

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) discussed the Corporate Report December 4, 2013 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.

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement noted that the report had been brought back for the Committees approval.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member expressed support of the report but wanted closed borders added to the report before it is approved. Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that the two tier licensing system addresses Mark Bell's concerns and that staff discussed with Legal to include closed borders; however, that requirement is a huge challenge.

Members of the Committee engaged in conversation regarding the City of Brampton, Town of Caledon and the City of Toronto being closed borders.

Mickey Frost noted that this report would be brought back with clarity on including closed borders.

Todd Keely, TLK Towing expressed support for the two tier licensing system with the inclusion of closed borders and a registered vehicle pound facility in Mississauga.

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of a by-law to amend the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, effective January 1, 2015, to include a two tier tow truck licensing system, more specifically "General Towing for Hire" and "Contract Towing Not for Hire" be deferred to a future Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Deferred (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation TIAC-0012-2014)

4. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting reviewed the action list as presented.

RECOMMENDATION

That the action list of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting held on June 10, 2014 provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received.

Received (Councillor Iannicca)
Recommendation TIAC-0013-2014

OTHER BUSINESS

Daniel R. Wallace, Citizen Member addressed concerns on behalf of the industry regarding the recent encryption of the Peel Regional Police (PRP) radio scanners. He spoke to the loss of revenue and hazardous conditions this would create on the residents of the City of Mississauga.

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement noted that staff were advised that the PRP upgraded their radio system for the safety of their officers. He further noted that the City of Mississauga does not have jurisdiction over this matter as it is a Region of Peel matter.

Councillor Starr suggested that members of the industry make a deputation at a Region of Peel or PRP meeting to address their concerns.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – At the call of the Chair

ADJOURNMENT – 9:56 A.M.