

AGENDA



PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2014 - 9:30 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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

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Members

Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 **(Chair)**

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 **(Vice-Chair)**

Al Cormier (Citizen Member)

Baljit Singh Pandori (Elected at Large)

Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)

Gurvel Singh (Taxicab Brokerages)

Harsimar Singh Sethi (City Area Taxicab Drivers)

Nabil A. Nassar (Citizen Member)

Paramvir Singh Nijjar (City Area Taxicab Owners)

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CALL TO ORDER

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting held on December 9, 2013.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

2. 2010 and 2012 Taxicab Plate Issuance

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee to discuss the taxicab plate issuance model.

DIRECTION REQUIRED

3. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee - Action List

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Action List for 2014.

RECOMMEND RECEIPT

4. Information Items

4.1 Public Vehicle Plate Issuance

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) to review the email dated January 24, 2014 from Ron Baumber regarding plate issuance.

OTHER BUSINESS

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 8, 2014, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2013 - 9:36 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Members Present:

Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 (Chair)
Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Vice Chair)
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)
Nabil A. Nassar (Citizen Member)
Paramvir Singh Nijjar (City Area Taxicab Owners)
Baljit Singh Pandori (Elected at Large)
Gurvel Singh (Taxicab Brokerages)
Harsimar Singh Sethi (City Area Taxicab Drivers)

Members Absent:

Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)

Staff Present:

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement
Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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CALL TO ORDER: 9:36 A.M.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS – Nil

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation by Amandeep Singh Mann with respect to window tints on taxicabs be deferred to a future Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting.

Received (N. Nassar)

Recommendation PVAC-0027-2013

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting held on October 25, 2013.

Approved (A. Cormier)

2. 2010 and 2012 Taxicab Plate Issuance

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement spoke to the Corporate Report dated November 25, 2013 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, with respect to the 2010 and 2012 taxicab plate issuance. He indicated that staff are looking for feedback from members of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) and industry members.

Karam Punian, Resident enquired about the timeframe for the new plates to be issued. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted it would depend on Councils decision but approximately 30 days for Staff to issue the plates.

Peter Pellier, Resident expressed concern with the proposed recommendation and to bring the report back to a future PVAC meeting.

Mark Sexsmith, Resident enquired if the proposed new taxicab plates include accessible taxicab plates. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that yes it includes accessible taxicab plates.

Harsimar Singh Sethi, City Area Taxicab Drivers expressed concern with the proposed recommendation as the industry cannot support 33 new taxicab plates and suggested reducing the number to 15 or 20 taxicab plates.

Gurvel Singh, Taxicab Brokerages spoke to the cost of insurance and monthly fees associated to taxicabs.

Councillor Starr, Councillor Iannicca, Nabil A. Nassar, and Baljit Singh Pandori noted that input needs to be received from industry members on the issuance of 33 new taxicab plates within the next 30 days before a decision can be made and spoke to a meter rate increase.

Paramvir Singh Nijjar, City Area Taxicab Owners expressed concern issuing 33 taxicab plates at one time.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated November 25, 2013 entitled "2010 and 2012 Taxicab Plate Issuance" be tabled, pending input from the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee and other stakeholders.
2. That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee consider issuing 33 new taxicab plates as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated November 25, 2013 entitled "2010 and 2012 Taxicab Plate Issuance", pending further input from the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee and other stakeholders.
3. That the meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee scheduled on February 4, 2014 be held to receive comments from the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee and other stakeholders on the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated November 25, 2013 entitled "2010 and 2012 Taxicab Plate Issuance".

Approved (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation PVAC-0028-2013

3. Scope of Work for Consulting Services re Taxi Plate Issuance Model

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement noted that Council had approved a budget for hiring a consulting service to review the taxi plate issuance model.

Members of the Committee engaged in conversation regarding timeframes of the study, terms of reference, scope of work and the need for input from industry members.

Harsimar Singh Sethi, City Area Taxicab Drivers expressed concern with hiring a consultant and suggested to use the expertise of Public Vehicle Advisory Committee members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee provide comments to staff on the draft scope of work for consulting services to review the issuance model for taxi plates and accessible taxi plates as outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated November 27, 2013 entitled "Scope of Work for Consulting Services re Taxi Plate Issuance Model".

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation PVAC-0029-2013

RECOMMENDATION

That the matter of committee members to receive compensation for their expertise be referred to the Governance Committee for consideration of the new term of Council.

Received (Councillor Starr)
Recommendation PVAC-0030-2013

4. Accessible Taxi Service

Mark Sexsmith, Resident spoke to the email dated November 8, 2013 with respect to accessible taxi service and noted that accessible taxicab plates need to be included in the taxi plate issuance review.

Nomad Manual (sp), Resident spoke to the need for supporting data from taxicab owners who have accessible taxicabs to determine if there is a demand for accessible taxicab plates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated November 8, 2013, from Mark Sexsmith, Resident with respect to accessible taxi service be received.

Received (N. Nasser)
Recommendation PVAC-0031-2013

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5. Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 Review

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated December 4, 2013 from Mark Sexsmith, Resident with respect to Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04 review be received.

Received (N. Nasser)

Recommendation PVAC-0032-2013

6. Action List - 2013

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2013 Action List provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received

Received (A. Cormier)

Recommendation PVAC-0032-2013

OTHER BUSINESS

Karam Punlan, Resident spoke to taxicab drivers being summoned to court for minor incidents. Councillor Iannicca advised Mr. Punlan to send all documentations outlining his concerns to staff.

Councillor Iannicca spoke to the upcoming Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting and noted that it should be dedicated to discuss the plate issuance model.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2014, Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT: 10:51 A.M.

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Action List- December 9, 2013

Issue	Last Discussed on	Who	Status
Accessible plates	September 11, 2012	Enforcement Office	In progress - Subcommittee meeting on April 29, 2013 - Subcommittee meeting on May 13, 2013 - Public meeting on June 11, 2013
Term of plate leases coincide with vehicle year limit	September 11, 2012	Enforcement Office	Completed
Mobile taxi application	September 11, 2012	Enforcement Office	Completed
Airport taxi's – Stickers on windshields	September 11, 2012	Enforcement Office	Completed
Advance payment in evenings	September 11, 2012	Enforcement Office	Completed
Hotel Shuttles	April 29, 2013	Enforcement Office	Completed
Regulations of DADD drivers	October 15, 2013	Enforcement Office	In progress
Public Meetings – Licensing of medical transfers and shuttle service vehicles.	October 15, 2013	Enforcement Office	Corporate Reports to follow with specific recommendation
Need for taxi stands	October 15, 2013	Enforcement Office	Completed

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee
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Stephanie Smith

From: Ron Baumber <~~ron.baumber@mississauga.com~~>
Sent: 2014/01/24 12:08 PM
To: Stephanie Smith; Daryl Bell; Mickey Frost
Subject: Fwd: Plate Issue:

Categories: Public Vehicle

Dear sirs or Mme.

I'm attaching the letter from Mark Sexsmith regarding the issuance of new plates. Mark has stated clearly and distinctly our position on the issuance of plates. And I concur with his findings.

The only addition I might add is that Trans help in their moving forward proposal has indicated changes in their system which will affect your taxi industry at large and I to believe that waiting for the consultant report is an important factor.

The Report from Staff presented at the December 9, 2013 PVAC meeting indicates that there should be, under the current formula for plate issuance, 33 extra plates issued.

The figures for this calculation include all taxi orders taken by brokers, including all accessible orders. Since the accessible taxis service the accessible orders, and also service regular orders, the accessible taxis must be included in the mix when totaling the number of taxis.

I believe that there are currently 34 accessible taxis on the road; therefore, if we use the current issuance formula, we have 635 regular taxis, plus 34 accessibles, for a total for 669 vehicles being used as taxis in Mississauga. Therefore, there is currently an excess of 1 vehicle on the road, and no further issuance of taxi plates is warranted under the current formula.

Given the current sad state of driver income, the recent 40% increase in the cost of propane, this year's massive increase in insurance costs for multiple driver and accessible taxis, and uncertainties about the direction the taxi market at P.I.A. with the opening of the downtown train link and the Mississauga Rapid Bus Route, I am of the opinion that the industry should hold off issuing any more plates until the economic climate has had a more sophisticated analysis. Additionally, we must also consider the implications of addressing the AODA requirements. Moving ahead on this file may require looking at different choices in restructuring the industry vehicle

mix. Better not to supersaturate the market place in advance of decisions that must be made on this topic.

Please add this presentation to your report on industry input for the next PVAC meeting.

Yours truly,

Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner/Operator #411

Ron Baumber
Owner/operator a8