Minutes



PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2013 – 9:37 a.m.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, 2nd FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE 300 CITY CENTRE DRIVE, MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO L5B 3C1

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Members Present: Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 (Chair)

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Vice Chair)

Al Cormier (Citizen Member)

Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)

Nabil A. Nassar (Citizen Member)

Paramvir Singh Nijjar (City Area Taxicab Owners)

Members Absent: Baljit Singh Pandori (Elected at Large)

Gurvel Singh (Taxicab Brokerages)

Harsimar Singh Sethi (City Area Taxicab Drivers)

Staff Present: Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement

Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement

Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER – 9:37 a.m.

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - NIL

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - NIL

MATTERS CONSIDERED

1. <u>Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)</u>

- 1.1 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting minutes from April 29, 2013.
- 1.2 Public Vehicle Advisory Subcommittee minutes from April 29, 2013
- 1.3 Public Vehicle Advisory Subcommittee minutes from May 14, 2013

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0013-2013

That Councillor Iannicca be appointed as Chair and that Councillor Starr be appointed as Vice-Chair to the Public Vehicle Advisory Subcommittee.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0014-2013

That the comments provided at the April 29, 2013 Public Vehicle Advisory Subcommittee meeting with respect to issuance of taxi plates be received and referred to staff.

Approved (A. Cormier)

2. Recommendation of Previous Subcommittee Meeting - June 11, 2013

Members of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee noted their support of the recommendation that came from the Subcommittee meeting held on June 11, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0015-2013

That a consultant be hired to study the 2014 plate issuance model for taxicab plates and accessible taxicab plates and that the 2010 and 2012 plate issuance resume under the current model of plate issuance.

Approved (A. Cormier)

3. Taxi Plate and Accessible Taxi Plate Issuance

Councillor Iannicca spoke to the issuance of regular and accessible taxicab plate. He noted that hiring a consultant to complete the study still requires going through the budget process to obtain approvals. He noted that staff need to prepare a report for the next Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) meeting outlining what the consultant terms of reference should entail.

Councillor Starr inquired what the relationship is between airport taxicabs and accessible taxicabs. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement responded that the airport issues their own accessible taxicab plates and operate under their own system. Councillor Starr further spoke to his personal experience with taxicabs scooping clients at the airport.

Nabil A. Nassar, Citizen Member compared the issuance of taxicab plates between the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga. Mr. Nassar further discussed that a clear understanding needs to be achieved between the airport and the City of Mississauga regarding who is allowed to pick up at the airport, who is licensed and the transferring of taxicab plates.

Paramvir Singh Nijjar, City Area Taxicab Owners provided clarification regarding airport taxicab drivers and noted that they are authorized to drive passengers between municipalities. He further spoke to the Ontario Taxi Law and tariff cards. Mr. Nijjar commented that if the \$14.00 fee that is associated to picking up passengers at the airport is waived for drivers with accessible taxicabs there should not be a shortage of accessible taxicabs at the airport.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0016-2013

- 1. That consideration be given to including \$100,000 for consulting services in the 2014 Budget for Regulatory Services to review the issuance model for taxi plates and accessible taxi plates.
- 2. That the existing model for the issuance of taxi plates, and related processes, as outlined in the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be used until such time as the consultant's final report and recommendations regarding the issuance of taxi plates and accessible taxi plates are approved by the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee and Council.

Approved (N. Nasser)

4. Amendment to Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to include an optional Compressor/Tire Sealant Combination Unit

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

(PVAC-0017-2013)

- 1. That a by-law be enacted to amend the following schedules of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to include an optional run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit as an alternative to the traditional spare tire and jack required in all vehicles.
- 2. That Schedule 3, Section 14(9) of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be repealed and replaced as follows:
 - "is equipped with an extra tire, wheel and jack ready for use for that vehicle or be equipped with a run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit."
- 3. That Schedule 4, Section 14(9) of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be repealed and replaced as follows:

"is equipped with an extra tire, wheel and jack ready for use for that Vehicle or be equipped with a run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit."

4. That Schedule 6, Section 8(9) of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be repealed and replaced as follows:

"is equipped with an extra tire, wheel and jack ready for use for that Vehicle or be equipped with a run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit."

5. That Schedule 7, Section 7(1)(j) of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be repealed and replaced as follows:

"is equipped with an extra tire, wheel and jack ready for use for that Vehicle or be equipped with a run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit."

6. That Schedule 8, Section 41(1)(i) of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be repealed and replaced as follows:

"is equipped with an extra tire, wheel and jack ready for use for that Vehicle or be equipped with a run-flat free tire system or air compressor/tire sealant combination unit."

Approved (A. Cormier)

5. Taxi License Plates Owner Monopoly

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

(PVAC-0018-2013)

That the email dated May 17, 2013 from Aisha Li, with respect to hotel shuttles Taxi License Plates Owner Monopoly be received and referred to staff.

Received (Councillor Starr)

6. Action List - 2013

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0019-2013

That the Action List of the meeting held on March 25, 2013 provided to the Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings be received.

Received (A. Cormier)

OTHER BUSINESS

Nabil A. Nassar, enquired to staff to staff about the number of taxicab plates on the shelf. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that there are currently 6 taxicab plates on the shelf due to deceased drivers.

Councillor Iannicca recommended rescheduling the next Public Vehicle Advisory Committee to ensure staff have adequate time to finish their corporate report.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> – 10:08am (N. Nassar)

DATE OF NEXT MEETING -Monday, September 30, 2013