

MINUTES



PUBLIC VEHICLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013 - 9:30 A.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC CENTRE

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

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Members

Members Present: Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7 (**Chair**)
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)
Nabil A. Nassar (Citizen Member)
Paramvir Singh Nijjar (City Area Taxicab Owners)
Baljit Singh Pandori (Elected at Large)
Mark Sexsmith Representing Gurvel Singh (Taxicab Brokerages)
Harsimar Singh Sethi (City Area Taxicab Drivers)

Members Absent: Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Vice Chair)
Craig McCutcheon (Limousine Owners)

Staff Present: Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement
Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator

CALL TO ORDERDECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTERESTPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONSAccessible Transportation Master Plan Update

Hillary Calavitta, Region of Peel, Transportation Principal Planner provided an update regarding the Accessible Transportation Master Plan. Ms. Calavitta spoke to the demand of accessible transportation due to population growth, the need to understand and plan for future accessible needs, partnerships with surrounding municipalities, operational and financial models, stakeholders and future open houses. She spoke to the impact on the taxi industry and the need to review other models for accessible transportation.

Members of the Committee engaged in conversation with respect to the current model of accessible transportation, services contracted out by the Region of Peel, demand for accessible transportation and price comparison between transit and taxicabs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation made by Hillary Calavitta, Region of Peel, Transportation Principal Planner with respect to Accessible Transportation Master Plan update be received.

Received (N. Nassar)

PVAC-0020-2013

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED1. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting held on June 17, 2013.

Approved (Al. Cormier)

2. Amendments to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, for licensing of Shuttle Service Vehicles, Owners and Drivers

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement noted that staff would bring forward new regulations related to licensing of medical transfers and shuttle service services at a future evening public meeting for input and that a revised report would be brought back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) for review.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member inquired about the recommendation stating that amendments would be made to the by-law and then consultation would take place with industry members and that a definition is needed to understand the services being discussed. Mr. Frost noted that the amendments are draft changes and that staff would bring a report to PVAC for comments.

Nabil A. Nassar, Citizen Member inquired if staff are considering asking shuttle service drivers to become licensed through the City of Mississauga. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that this option is being reviewed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That staff report back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with amendments to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to include the licensing of shuttle service vehicles, owners, and drivers; and,
2. That staff consult with representatives of the shuttle service industry on the proposed amendments.

Received (Al. Cormier)
PVAC-0021-2013

3. Amendments to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, for licensing of Medical Transfer Service Vehicles, Owners and Drivers

Corporate Report dated September 27, 2013, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, with respect to amendment to licensing of medical transfer service vehicles, owners and drivers.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That staff report back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with amendments to the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to include the licensing of medical transfer service vehicles, owners, and drivers; and,
2. That staff consult with representatives of the medical transfer service industry on the proposed amendments.

Received (Al. Cormier)

PVAC-0022-2013

4. Need for New Taxi Stands

Harsimar Sethi, City Area Taxicab Drivers spoke to the need for new taxi stands and requested staff to bring forward a report on this issue. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that this would be added to the 2014 work plan and that taxi stands are on private property and cannot force property managers to place them on their property. Mr. Sethi commented that the City of Mississauga is the only city that does not have taxi stands outside of hospitals and noted that the Square One Wal-Mart taxi stand has been removed. Mr. Bell noted that hospitals are on private property and that staff do not have authority to enforce when property managers remove taxi stands from private property.

Councillor Iannicca noted that a letter to be sent to the property management at Square One to consider having the taxi stands outside Wal-Mart for the Christmas rush.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated October 3, 2013, from Harsimar Sethi, with respect to the need for new taxi stands be received and referred to Enforcement staff.

Received (N. Nassar)

PVAC-0023-2013

5. Count Summons

Harsimar Sethi, City Area Taxicab Drivers spoke to the email dated October 3, 2013, with respect to taxi cab drivers being summons to court. He noted that drivers should not be summons to court for minor infractions. Darryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that staff have to follow rules and regulations passed by Council and that drivers are responsible to follow the rules and regulations.

RECOMMENDATION

That the email dated October 3, 2013, from Harsimar Sethi, with respect to taxi cab drivers being summons to court be received.

Received (N. Nassar)

PVAC-0024-2013

6. E-mail Dated October 4, 2013 With Respect to the Proposed 2014 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0025-2013

E-mail dated October 4, 2013 from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the proposed 2014 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting dates be received.

Approved (A. Cormier)

PVAC-0025-2013

7. 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 (N. Nassar)

PVAC-0026-2013

OTHER BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT