
Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date

2016/05/30

Time

2:30 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Council Chamber,
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members Present

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Chair)
Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (Vice-Chair)
Mark Bell, Citizen Member
Robert Fluney, Citizen Member
Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member
John C. Lyons, Citizen Member
Tullio (Tony) Pento, Citizen Member
Armando Tallarico, Citizen Member

Staff Present

Councillor Carolyn Parrish (Ward 6)
Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement
Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 2:33 PM
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved (T. Pento)
 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - NIL
 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - March 22, 2016
Approved (A. Tallarico)
 - 4.2. Council Subcommittee of Towing Minutes - April 26, 2016
Approved (Councillor Mahoney)
 5. DEPUTATIONS
 6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED
 - 6.1. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to address Tow Truck Vehicle Tinting

Daryl Bell, Manager Licensing Enforcement spoke to tow truck vehicle tinting and outlined the concerns raised from the public, Peel Regional Police and staff. He noted that currently the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) restricts tinting of the windshield and the window to the driver's left and right side.

Councillor Starr enquired about timing of implementing the amendments. Mr. Bell noted that staff are open to the committees comments but would like to see it implemented in six months.

Robery Fluney, Citizen Member spoke to the tinting timeline and questioned if six months would be too long as it is already restricted through the HTA. He suggested a three month timeline.

John Lyons, Citizen Member supported removing the tint immediately as it is already

restricted through the HTA.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member question what windows are being challenged. Mr. Bell noted that it is the front passenger windows.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to temporary tint. Daryl Bell indicated that no tint of any kind would be allowed. He noted that any time a vehicle is in business mode it could be subjected to ticketing.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee supports removing vehicle tint on tow trucks and that drivers comply with the tint removal by their next mandatory vehicle inspection.
2. That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee provide comments to staff, for inclusion in a future report to General Committee, on the report from the Acting Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated May 3, 2016 and entitled "Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to address Tow Truck Vehicle Tinting".

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)
RecommendationTIAC-0007-2016

- 6.2. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, for Requirements to Accept All Forms of Payment for Towing Services

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to the requirements to accept all forms of payment for towing services and the costs associated with accepting payment methods. Daryl Bell, Manager Licensing Enforcement noted that drivers would have the option of accepting forms of payments through their smart phones by downloading an application.

Mickey Frost, Director Enforcement spoke to costs associated with processing a transaction and noted staff would review the costs and report back.

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee spoke to the high percentages charged to mobile transactions, administrative costs, Bill 15 payment requirements and requested staff to bring back a report outlining the potential costs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee provide comments to staff, for inclusion in a future report to General Committee, on the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated May 3, 2016 and entitled "Amendments to the Tow

Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, for Requirements to Accept All Forms of Payment for Towing Services”.

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)
Recommendation TIAC-0008-2016

6.3. TIAC Action List 2016

Members of the Towing Industry Advisory Committee reviewed the 2016 Action List.

RECOMMENDATION

That the 2016 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List be received for information.

Approved (T. Pento)
Recommendation TIAC-0009-2016

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Fluney, Citizen Member spoke to the new towing forms and enquired if they are available for pickup. Daryl Bell, Manager, Licensing Enforcement noted that the new forms are available now and each towing company would have to come in and pick up the numbered forms. Mickey Frost, Director Enforcement reiterated that a form must be filled out for any towing services.

Lisa Goncalves, Abrams towing noted that the forms were not available from City staff to pick up today. Mr. Bell noted that he would look into this matter.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - September 20, 2016

9. ADJOURNMENT – 2:57 PM