
Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date

2016/11/22

Time

9:30 AM

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

Members Absent

Armando Tallarico, Citizen Member

Staff Present

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/towingindustryadvisory>

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:32AM
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Approved (M. Bell)
 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil
 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - September 20, 2016
Approved (D. Ghamine)
 5. DEPUTATIONS – Nil
 6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit
(Persons who wish to address the Towing Industry Advisory Committee about a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Towing Industry Advisory Committee with a question should limit preamble to a maximum of two (2) statements, sufficient to establish the context for the question, with a 5 minute limitation. Leave must be granted by the Committee to deal with any matter not on the Agenda.)
 7. MATTERS CONSIDERED
 - 7.1. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to require that if for any reason a tow truck that is licensed ceases to engage in the business of a tow truck within the City of Mississauga for a period of longer than 30 days, the licence shall lapse and the owner shall return the tow truck owner's licence to the City immediately.

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to; the proposed amendment, unlicensed drivers driving licensed trucks and that tow truck licenses cannot be taken outside of the municipal boundaries.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to; his company needing to operate tow trucks outside of the municipal boundaries, ticketing drivers who are operating an unlicensed tow truck and expressed concern with the propose amendments.

Robert Fluney, Citizen Member spoke to the number of unlicensed tow trucks in the City of Mississauga and expressed concerns and challenges of ensuring a plate had been used in a 30 day period. Daryl Bell provided clarification on the number of charges laid

to unlicensed drivers.

Members of the Committee expressed concerns with the proposed amendments, outlined challenges the industry would face, Bill 15, the current moratorium and expressed support of ticketing unlicensed tow truck drivers.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member requested staff revisit the amendment to the tow truck bylaw regarding the criminal record search clause. Mr. Bell spoke to the clause in the bylaw that allows drivers to make an application to the Parole Board of Canada.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 7, 2016 and entitled "Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, to require that if for any reason a tow truck that is licensed ceases to engage in the business of a tow truck within the City of Mississauga for a period of longer than 30 days, the licence shall lapse and the owner shall return the tow truck owner's licence to the City immediately" be deferred to a future Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

Deferred (M. Bell)

Recommendation TIAC-0013-2016

RECOMMENDATION

That the letter from Elliott Silverstein, Manager Government Relations, CAA entitled Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting – November 22, 2016 (Item 7.1) be received.

Received (M. Bell)

Recommendation TIAC-0014-2016

- 7.2. Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, requiring Licensed Tow Truck Owner's to notify Mobile Licensing Enforcement of the name of the Licensed Tow Truck Driver who is operating their Tow Truck.

Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the challenges of unlicensed drivers in the industry and that owner's need to be responsible to maintain records of licensed tow truck driver and when a vehicle was in operation.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to drivers operating various types of vehicles on various days.

Councillor Starr noted that staff are finding unlicensed drivers driving vehicles and that tow truck companies should be maintaining records of drivers who are multi-skilled and who operate various vehicles.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member spoke to the challenges of keeping track of expired

licenses and the additional costs drivers are now faced with.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion regarding; CVOR, Bill 15, drivers operating outside the City of Mississauga boundaries, tow vehicle forms, ticketing drivers, costs associated with the Criminal Record searches, reviewing the fine amounts and the challenges of holding owners more accountable.

Lisa Goncalves, Abrams Towing spoke to the proposed amendments and expressed concerns with the amendments.

David Smart, Peel Regional Towing and Westside Towing noted that some drivers do not qualify to work in the City of Mississauga and expressed concern with returning licenses not used during a 30 day period.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 7, 2016 and entitled "Amendments to the Tow Truck Licensing By-law 521-04, as amended, requiring Licensed Tow Truck Owner's to notify Mobile Licensing Enforcement of the name of the Licensed Tow Truck Driver who is operating their Tow Truck" be deferred to a future Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting for consideration.

Deferred (J. Lyons)
Recommendation TIAC-0015-2016

7.3. Towing Industry Advisory Committee 2016 Action List

Councillor Starr noted that staff would bring an update in the new year regarding centralized pounds.

RECOMMENDATION

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

Recieved (M. Bell)
Recommendation TIAC-0016-2016

7.4. 2017 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated November 15, 2016 from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator entitled 2017 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates be received.

Received (M. Mahoney)
Recommendation TIAC-0017-2016

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member spoke to having all licensed drivers renewed at the same time instead of being renewed by birthdates. He further spoke to the virtual pound for the City of Mississauga and the KPMG study.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - January 17, 2017

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:26 AM