
Council Subcommittee of Towing

Date

2017/05/02

Time

2:00 PM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Chair)
Mayor Bonnie Crombie
Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Ward 5
Councillor Nando Iannicca, Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney, Ward 8 (Vice Chair)

Staff Present

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Robert Genoway, Legal Counsel
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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

1. Call to Order – 2:02PM
2. Approval of Agenda
Approved (Councillor Parrish)
3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest – Nil
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4.1. Council Subcommittee of Towing Minutes - November 11, 2016
5. DEPUTATIONS
- 5.1. Lawrence Gold, Ontario Government Appointed Bailiff regarding mobile telemetrics/GPS technology and the current status of Bill 15

Lawrence Gold President, Lawrence Gold Appraisals spoke to the following issues: consumer protection; Bill 15; fair value storage; consumer and public safety protection; implementation of safety protocols; and outlined a prototype of a traffic management system and an incident management command control centre.

Councillor Mahoney enquired about Mr. Gold's background and spoke to the specific terms of reference of the Council Subcommittee of Towing. Councillor Parrish directed Mr. Gold to attend the Towing Industry Advisory Committee.

RECOMMENDATION
CSOT-0001-2017

That the deputation by Lawrence Gold, Ontario Government Appointed Bailiff regarding mobile telemetrics/GPS technology and the current status of Bill 15 be received.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)

6. Matters Considered
- 6.1. Reducing the Number of Vehicle Pound Facilities

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the Corporate Report to reduce the number of Vehicle Pound Facilities.

Councillor Parrish made the following comments: what penalties are given when a vehicle pound facility is not in compliance of the City's standards; how the City of

Mississauga can reduce the number of pounds; and how the City can ban cash only transactions at pound facilities. Robert Genoway, Legal Counsel spoke to the actions to revoke the license of a pound facility and if the City of Mississauga wanted to reduce the number of pounds or ban cash transactions the City would need a sound rationale to do so. Councillor Parrish requested a report on the correspondence circulated from the North American Auto Accident Pictures Towing Division challenging the City's authority to regulate tow trucks and submitting photos of an accident scene. Discussion ensued with respect the City's authority to regulate the towing industry and the City's by-law that requires photos.

Councillor Starr enquired what Bill15 regulates in terms of payment transactions. Mr. Genoway noted that Bill15 allows for alternative forms of payment.

Councillor Mahoney spoke to putting in place standards for all 23 pounds to adhere to. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing noted that the inspections of pounds would have to comply with the current by-laws in place. He noted that he would provide a list of pounds that had already been inspected.

Councillor Parrish and Mayor Crombie made the following comments: a 24 hour cooling off period for consumers; registering cars through the virtual pound; at what stage does the consumer get issued a barcode; and completing an inventory of what pound facilities are in compliance and who are not. Mr. Foley responded to questions and that he would report back on the issuance of the barcode and what pounds are in compliance.

Councillor Starr spoke to the deferring the report for a few weeks and for staff to come back after they are fully informed on the file.

RECOMMENDATION

CSOT-0002-20176

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated April 17, 2017 entitled "Reducing the Number of Vehicle Pound Facilities" be received for information.
2. That staff provide a supplementary report on the state of all Vehicle Pound Facilities (VPF) in six months, which will include all compliance and non-compliance with all by-laws.
3. That the Business Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended, be amended to include the requirements of the "*Repair and Storage Liens Act*" namely setting requirements for a mandatory 15 day storage notification to the registered vehicle owner and ensuring fair value for storage.

Received (Mayor Crombie)

RECOMMENDATION

CSOT-0003-2017

That the letter dated March 21, 2017 from Daniel Sanderson, Prvincial Director, NAAAP Towing regarding the City of Mississauga authority to regulate tow trucks be received.

Received (Mayor Crombie)

RECOMMENDATION

CSOT-0004-2017

That the letter dated October 19, 2016 from Dary Neinstein, Q.C. regarding the North American auto accident pictures be received.

Received (Mayor Crombie)

7. Adjournment – 3:10PM (Councillor Mahoney)