

City of Mississauga
Minutes



Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date

2017/09/25

Time

9:30 AM

Location

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

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 - Nil

Staff Present

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Allyson D'Ovidio, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:32 a.m.
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - March 21, 2017

Approved (M. Mahoney)

5. DEPUTATIONS

- 5.1 Todd Keely, TLK Towing, with respect to the Tow Truck Owner's Licence Moratorium

Todd Keely, TLK Towing spoke to the moratorium and the resulting hardships faced by his company. Mr. Keely requested a solution to the lack of licenses available to tow trucks noting that he has 11 drivers with only 5 Mississauga plates. Mr. Keely spoke further to the complications of the 7 year requirement of G class license and the impacts this has on finding drivers and suggested that this requirement could be reduced to 7 years of total driving experience.

Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member noted that the 7 year experience requirement has been identified as an issue to be reviewed. Councillor Starr noted that this issue will be revisited in an upcoming meeting.

In response to Councillor Parrish, Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement confirmed the City of Mississauga has approximately 110 tow truck licenses that are not in use. Councillor Parrish and Mr. Foley engaged in a discussion with respect to the impacts on public service levels for roadside and accident assistance as well as response time measures. Mr. Foley confirmed that a GPS tracking system has been investigated and deemed undesirable by both the industry and the City.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0004-2017

That the deputation by Todd Keely, TLK Towing, with respect to the Tow Truck Owner's Licence Moratorium be received.

Received (M. Mahoney)

- 5.2 Lawrence Gold, with respect to the Tow Truck Owner's Licence Moratorium – **DELETED**

Approved (J. Lyons)

- 5.3 Raymond Chan, CAA South Central Ontario, with respect to the Tow Truck Owner's Licence Moratorium.

Raymond Chan, CAA spoke in favour of lifting the moratorium on licensing tow trucks in Mississauga and noted that it no longer serves its purpose.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0005-2017

That the deputation by Raymond Chan, CAA South Central Ontario, and associated letter dated September 22, 2017, entitled Meeting with CAA re Towing Issues in the City of Mississauga, be received.

Received (J. Lyons)

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.)

Chris Martinat, Owner of Professional Recovery Equipment, spoke to his years of experience in the towing service industry and the hardships his company has endured due to the moratorium. Mr. Martinat requested a decrease on the 7 year requirement of a class G driver's license and that a CAA Member service plate be released or blue plates be released to carry on service.

Mr. Martinat engaged in a discussion with the members of the Committee with respect to licensing and training requirements of drivers; the minimum requirements by insurance companies for drivers as well as, attending the scene of an accident. Mr. Martinat provided clarification to Councillor Parrish with respect to his business operations and noted their focus is on roadside service for CAA members.

In response to Councillor Starr, Mr. Martinat noted his company uses a variety of different truck types in order to provide service and further noted that other licensed companies are often brought in to assist.

Received – (R. Fluney)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1. Tow Truck Owners Licence Moratorium

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing joined by Jay Warburton, Mobile Licensing Inspector spoke to the initial purpose of the moratorium and the many changes that have been made to the by-law including the requirement of criminal records checks, driving records, the class G: 7 requirement and driver training. Mr. Foley spoke to the practise of parking of plates and the unintended advantage this provides to large companies, leaving smaller companies at a disadvantage in the industry. Mr. Foley noted there has been a significant improvement in the industry, demonstrating the moratorium served its purpose and is no longer beneficial.

Members of the Committee engaged in a discussion about the impacts of the moratorium noting there is a contradiction between the concern over the lack of plates and the difficulty of obtaining qualified drivers and further that staff be directed to investigate this issue further and report back to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0006-2017

That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works dated September 12, 2017 and entitled Tow Truck Owners Licence Moratorium be received, and referred back to staff for further review and consultation, and to report back to a future Towing Industry Advisory Committee.

Received (M. Mahoney)

7.2. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List

Councillor Starr noted that further to the previous discussion on the moratorium, items on the list will be addressed and brought back to a future meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0007-2017

That the 2017 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List be received.

Received (J. Lyons)

- 7.3. Letter from Daniel Sanderson, Provincial Director, North American Auto Accident Pictures, Towing Division, with respect to Regulating Tow Trucks.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0008-2017

That the letter dated March 21, 2017 from Daniel Sanderson, Provincial Director, North American Auto Accident Pictures (Towing Division), be received.

Received (T. Pento)

8. OTHER BUSINESS
9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2017
10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:30 a.m. (R. Fluney)