

## **Towing Industry Advisory Committee**

### **Date**

2018/01/22

### **Time**

9:30 AM

### **Location**

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,  
300 Civic 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

### **Members Absent**

Armando Tallarico, Citizen Member

### **Staff Present**

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Mahoney)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - December 4, 2017

Approved (D. Ghanime)

5. DEPUTATIONS -Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Pursuant to Section 42 of the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2013, as amended:  
Towing Industry Advisory Committee may grant permission to a member of the public to ask a question of

TIAC, with the following provisions:

1. The question must pertain to a specific item on the current agenda and the speaker will state which item the question is related to.
2. A person asking a question shall limit any background explanation to two (2) statements, followed by the question.
3. The total speaking time shall be five (5) minutes maximum, per speaker.

Todd Keely, Tow Truck Driver, spoke to the number of available parked tow truck plates and noted that he needs an additional three tow truck plates to remain operational in the City of Mississauga.

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

7.1. Parked Tow Truck Owners Licences

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the report dated January 1, 2018 entitled Parked Tow Truck Owners Licenses.

Members of the Committee made the following comments: 60 days is too short of a timeframe to allow un-renewed owners licenses to expire; that staff should wait and see the outcome of Bill 15; the timeframe to buy a new tow truck; plates that have been parked since 2013 should not be reissued; and notifying companies of the number of parked plates they currently have.

Councillor Parrish asked the following questions: currently, how many tow truck drivers are on the road; do staff feel there's currently enough trucks on the road to service residents; the importance of reviewing the tow truck issuance model; and can all parked plates become legitimate tow truck plates. Mr. Foley responded to Councillor Parrish's questions.

Councillor Starr asked the following questions: how many plates have been parked since 2013; what happens when someone wants to start a tow truck new company; and how do you attract new drivers to the industry.

Lisa Goncalves, Abrams Towing made the following questions/comments: how many trucks were on the road when the moratorium was put in place; that the current moratorium isn't allowing any new business to enter into the City of Mississauga; and that the requirements to become a tow truck driver are currently not allowing new immigrants to become drivers because the 7 year driving requirements is too restrictive.

Councillors Parrish and Starr requested staff to bring back the report and to incorporate how many plates had been parked since the moratorium. They further spoke to holding a working group meeting and inviting all tow truck owners to attend.

#### RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0001-2018

That report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works titled "Parked Tow Truck Owners Licences" be referred to the February 20, 2018 Towing Industry Advisory Committee meeting.

Referred (Councillor Mahoney)

#### 7.2. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List 2018

Members of the Committee reviewed the 2018 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List and requested that training/qualifications for drivers and an increase for re-tow rates be brought back to a future meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0002-2018

That the 2018 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Action List be received.

Received (M. Bell)

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

Members of the Committee discussed a meeting date and time to hold a working group meeting with members of the industry.

#### 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 20, 2018

#### 10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:40am (Councillor Mahoney)

