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## **Towing Industry Advisory Committee**

### **Date**

2018/03/26

### **Time**

9:34 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 – Nil**

### **Staff Present**

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

### **Find it online**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (T. Tullio)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - February 20, 2018

Approved (M. Bell)

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1. Teresa Di Felice, Director, Government and Community Relations, CAA with respect to tow truck plate issuance, requirements of towers and the moratorium on licenses

Ms. Di Felice provided an overview of CAA and spoke to the current moratorium in place, the 7 Ontario G-licence requirement, parked two truck plates and that remaining status quo is not an option.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0008-2018

That the deputation by Teresa Di Felice, Director, Government and Community Relations, CAA with respect to tow truck plate issuance, requirements of towers and the moratorium on licenses be received.

Received (R. Fluney)

5.2. Todd Keely, TLK Towing with respect to the tow truck license moratorium

Mr. Keely spoke to the tow truck license moratorium and requested that the moratorium be lifted. He outlined the challenges that the moratorium is causing his business.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0009-2018

That the deputation by Todd Keely, TLK Towing with respect to the tow truck license moratorium be received.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)

5.3. 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.)

Lisa Goncalves, Abrams Towing spoke to the seven year driving requirements for a tow truck driver and outlined the taxi industry requirements to receive a taxi license. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement responded to Ms. Goncalves and outlined the difference between the towing and taxi industries.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to the insurance requirements for tow truck drivers.

Melrose, DC Towing, spoke to the need for more tow truck licences to be issued and receiving by-law tickets for towing in the City of Mississauga.

Booby, Bobby's Towing spoke to the need for an additional tow truck licence for his business.

6. MATTERS CONSIDERED

6.1. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement to provide a verbal update regarding plate issuance options and driver requirements.

Mr. Foley provided a verbal update regarding plate issuance options and driver requirements. He outlined feedback received from the industry and noted that the industry supported the flexible and soft cap issuance option. He noted that notifications had been sent to industries members who had plates that were parked for 30days and the need comply to the by-law.

Councillor Starr and Councillor Mahoney spoke to next steps, the number of current parked plates and the 7 year driver requirements.

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to the deadline to reinstate the parked plates and the challenges recruiting new drivers. Councillor Starr responded with the rationale behind the 30day timeline and enquired how many licenses the industry actually needs.

Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement spoke to next steps and the rationale behind the 30 day timeline to reinstate the parked plates.

Robert Fluney, Citizen Member spoke to moving forward with the 30day timeline for parked plates.

6.2. Towing Industry Advisory Committee 2018 Action List

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0010-2018

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

Received (R. Fluney)

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 7.1. Letter dated March 16, 2018 from Teresa Di Felice, AVP, Government and Community Relations Repealing the requirement for tow truck drivers to have seven years of experience with an Ontario "G" driver's licence

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0011-2018

Letter dated March 16, 2018 from Teresa Di Felice, AVP, Government and Community Relations regarding repealing the requirement for tow truck drivers to have seven years of experience with an Ontario "G" driver's license be received.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0012-2018

Letter dated March 5, 2018 from Teresa Di Felice, AVP, Government and Community Relations regarding tow truck license issuance options be received.

Received (Councillor Mahoney)

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Bell, Citizen Member spoke to an increase to the re-tow rates. Councillor Starr noted that it would be brought back to a future meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 14, 2018

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:28AM (T. Pento)