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## Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

### Date

2015/12/07

### 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 Carolyn Parrish, Ward 5 (Vice-Chair)  
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)  
Vikesh Kohli (Citizen Member)  
Baljit Singh Pandori (Taxicab Brokerages)  
Karam S. Punian (Taxicab Drivers)  
Harsimar Singh Sethi (Elected at Large)  
Nirmal Singh (Taxicab Owners)

### Members Absent

Rajendra Singh (Citizen Member)  
Joshua Zahavy (Limousine Brokerages)

### Staff Present

Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement  
Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement  
Robert Genoway, Legal Counsel  
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

### Find it online

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:34 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Approved (A. Cormier)

5. DEPUTATIONS

Matt Daus, Consultant, Windels Marx, Lane & Mittendorf spoke with respect to his report, “Study of Regulations for Transportation Network Companies (“TNCs”), being Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report dated November 25, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled, “Consultant’s Review of Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies” (Item 6.1)

Documentation of the discussion on this matter is listed under Item 6.1.

6. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

6.1. Consultant’s Review of Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies

Corporate Report dated November 25, 2015 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works entitled, “Consultant’s Review of Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies”.

Matt Daus, Consultant, Windels Marx, Lane & Mittendorf spoke with respect to his report, “Study of Regulations for Transportation Network Companies (“TNCs”), being Appendix 1 of the above noted Corporate Report.

Mr. Daus provided background on the methodology of the report, the report outline, and provided a brief overview of the seven policy options, which included:

1. Capture Option;
2. Capture Option (Modified);
3. New Licensing Category Option (Equal Regulation);
4. New Licensing Category Option (Unequal Regulation);
5. Pilot Program Option;
6. Complete Deregulation Option; and
7. Provincial Regulation Option.

The report in its entirety can be found at the following link:

[http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/agendas/committees/vehicle/2015/2015-12-07\\_PVAC\\_Agenda.pdf](http://www7.mississauga.ca/documents/agendas/committees/vehicle/2015/2015-12-07_PVAC_Agenda.pdf)

Councillor Starr spoke to the email address that the City set up to receive comments, feedback and input from the industry and encouraged those present to provide comments. At this time, Councillor Starr invited comments from the audience.

Chris Schafer, Public Policy Manager, Uber Canada spoke regarding Uber services and read aloud a letter from a former taxi driver who now drives for Uber, as quoted from CBC News on December 6, 2015 and entitled, "Retired taxi Union Leader Now Drives for Uber". Mr. Schafer further advised that he had sent a 36 page report in response to the consultant's report that morning, which was distributed to Members at the meeting.

Questions to Mr. Schafer from Members included those with respect to Uber's portion of fares collected from drivers, insurance coverage, and whether Mr. Schafer felt that the industry should be deregulated.

Gurvel Singh, Taxicab Driver spoke with respect to the Mississauga taxi industry and asked the Committee to stop Uber operations.

Karen Cameron, Ontario Public Transit Association spoke regarding the transit industry, noting that the transit market will also face issues, that transit managers are requesting that the Province assist them, and that the transit industry wants to be able to integrate with new services so they are in line with what consumers want.

Mark Sexsmith, Peel Taxi Alliance spoke regarding the Mississauga taxi industry, the collection of HST, the supply and demand of vehicles, and commended staff on their enforcement of the By-law.

Sami Khairallah, Taxi Industry spoke to the report commenting on environmental issues, traffic congestion, taxi metre rates, and the percentage of fares that a taxi brokerage takes in comparison to Uber.

Harsimar Sing Sethi, Elected at Large spoke about the need for everyone to follow the rules, including paying all fees and following the By-law, and that Uber should have applied for a brokerage licence to operate in the City.

Vikesh Kohli requested clarification with respect to the Capture (Modified) option, to which Mickey Frost, Director, Enforcement explained the lack of hail market in Mississauga, noting that this causes Uber to be in direct competition with the taxi

industry. Mr. Frost encouraged the public to provide comments to the designated email address.

Councillor Parrish thanked Mr. Daus for the report and commented that the Mayor had written a letter to the Province and that the Province should be taking responsibility for the TNC regulation issue. Councillor Parrish further noted that the consultant's report should be sent to the Premier as a follow-up to her letter of November 2015.

#### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 25, 2015 entitled "Consultant's Review of Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies", be received.
2. That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee provide comments on the policy alternatives outlined in Appendix 1 to the report from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, dated November 25, entitled "Consultant's Review of the Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies" for incorporation in a future report from staff to General Committee.
3. That upon completion of minor revisions to Appendix 1 of the report entitled, "Consultant's Review of the Policy Alternatives for the Regulation of Transportation Network Companies", Appendix 1, being the report entitled, "Study of Regulations for Transportation Network Companies ("TNCs")", be forwarded as follow up to the Mayor's letter of November 2015, to the Premier of Ontario.

Carried (Councillor Parrish)  
Recommendation PVAC-0053-2016

#### RECOMMENDATION

That the correspondence dated December 7, 2015 from Chris Schafer, Policy Manager, Uber – Canada with respect to the Windels Marx report, be received.

Received (Councillor Parrish)  
Recommendation PVAC-0054-2015

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1. 2016 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting Dates – Revised

Chair Starr noted that the memorandum was an updated list of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meetings for 2016, to reflect a ten o'clock start time.

RECOMMENDATION

That the memorandum dated November 24, 2015 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to the revised notification of 2016 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting dates, be received.

Received (H.S. Sethi)

Recommendation PVAC-0056-2015

7.2. City of Mississauga Advisory Committees

Chair Starr commented that the document was a good reminder to all about the role and ground rules of Committees of Council and their Members.

RECOMMENDATION

That the document entitled, "City of Mississauga Advisory Committees" from the Office of the City Clerk with respect to the Advisory Committee role and ground rules for Committee Members, be received.

Received (K. Punian)

Recommendation PVAC-0057-2015

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Gurvel Singh, Taxi Industry spoke to his letter dated December 7, 2015 with respect to Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, pertaining specifically to the demerit point system for licensed drivers.

Councillor Parrish requested that staff prepare a report, including benchmarking from 10-15 other municipalities and the number of drivers who have lost their licences due to a demerit point system.

Mr. Frost advised that staff is currently working on a report that will outline the impact that the recent changes to the By-law have had on the taxi industry and that the report will include benchmarking from other municipalities.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member spoke to a letter he had prepared addressed to the Chair and Vice-Chair outlining an issue with a driver of an accessible taxi and returned Accessible Plates.

Mr. Frost advised that the brokerage had not returned the plates, noting that the driver had returned them. Daryl Bell, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement further advised that all drivers must be affiliated with a taxicab brokerage.

Councillor Starr advised that he would review Mr. Cormier's letter and meet with staff.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the correspondence dated December 7, 2015 from Gurvel Singh with respect to By- law 420-04, as amended pertaining specifically to demerit points, be received for information;
2. That staff be directed to prepare a report with benchmarking and best practices from other municipalities pertaining to demerit points and the impact of the recent changes to the By-law on the taxi industry in Mississauga, for the next Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting.

Received/Referred (Councillor Parrish)  
Recommendation PVAC-0055-2015

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING(S)

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 – 10:00 AM, Council Chambers, Civic Centre – 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga L5B 3C1

10. ADJOURNMENT – 11:36 AM