
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date

2017/09/19

Time

9:03 AM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Chair)
Councillor John Kovac, Ward 4 (Vice-Chair)
Al Cormier (Citizen Member)
Rajendra Singh (Citizen Member)
Baljit Singh Pandori (Taxicab Brokerages)
Karam S. Punian (Taxicab Drivers)
Harsimar Singh Sethi (Elected at Large)
Nirmal Singh (Taxicab Owners)
Joshua Zahavy (Limousine Owners)

Members Absent

Vikesh Kohli (Citizen Member)

Staff Present

Sam Rogers, Director, Enforcement
Mike Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:03 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large requested to add a document entitled, "One Year Extension to 2011 Model Taxis" for consideration.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member requested that staff provide a verbal update at each meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee regarding the implementation of the TNC Pilot Project.

Approved (A. Cormier)

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - Nil.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Special Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - June 7, 2017

Approved (B. Pandori)

5. **DEPUTATIONS** - Nil.

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

No members of the public requested to speak at this time.

7. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

7.1. Email dated August 25, 2017 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner with respect to accessible plates.

Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner spoke to his correspondence, noting that the Hara Report had suggested the number of accessible plates to be issued. Mike Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement commented that the report had not indicated a shortage of accessible plates and that the by-law, in its current state, wouldn't permit additional plates to be issued. Furthermore, Mr. Foley noted that the issue of accessibility could be explored under the TNC Pilot Project. Mr. Sexsmith suggested that there should be a subsidy within the taxi industry for accessible plates and noted the improbability that an operator would spend \$60,000 on an accessible vehicle. Furthermore, Mr. Sexsmith suggested that Council offer a subsidy to operate accessible vehicles. Councillor Starr noted that an update would be brought forward at the next meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee.

Recommendation

1. That the email dated August 25, 2017 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner with respect to accessible taxi plates be received;
2. That staff be directed to report back to the public Vehicle Advisory Committee with a fulsome report on the current situation with respect to accessible taxi plates.

Approved (A. Cormier)

Recommendation PVAC-0013-2017

- 7.2. Report dated September 6, 2017 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works: **A line by line review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended.** Mike Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a brief background to report, indicating that staff had performed a line by line review of the by-law and had made 60 suggested amendments, based on reducing the requirements. Furthermore, Mr. Foley noted that there were portions of the by-law were challenging to enforce, such as the necessity of courteous behaviour by operators. Baljit Pandori, Taxi Brokerages representative requested that the report be sent to the taxi industry for comment and reported back on.

Recommendation

1. That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee receive the report entitled "A Line by Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended", and provide comment.
2. The clauses identified within the body of this report for possible amendment or repeal were identified as those being less critical to the regulation of the taxi industry and those that may have the most immediate impact on the operation of taxicabs in the City, to allow them to compete more effectively with TNCs. It was noted that each of the clauses identified for repeal or amendment represent various degrees of value from a public safety or consumer protection standpoint.
3. That a full review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law be undertaken for the purpose of rationalizing the requirements for all vehicles for hire to address deficiencies and disparities identified during the line by line review and to provide more consistent regulations across the spectrum of vehicles regulated through this By-law.

4. That staff be directed to send the report, "A Line by Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended" to industry stakeholders for their review and a request for input, to be included in a future report to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee.

Approved (B. Pandori)

Recommendation PVAC-0014-2017

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 8.1. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Action Items List

Recommendation

That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Action Items List be received for information.

Received (R. Singh)

Recommendation PVAC-0015-2017

9. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Harsimar Singh Sethi spoke to his request to have the replacement of 2011 vehicles reviewed by staff. Mike Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement indicated that staff would investigate whether there would have to be an amendment to the by-law or if staff could offer this as a courtesy. Al Cormier, Citizen Member requested that staff review the issue. Mr. Sethi indicated that he wished the extension to be extended to April 2019.

Recommendation

1. That the document received on September 19, 2017 from Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large, with respect to a request for an extension on 2011 vehicles, be received;
2. That staff be directed to review the feasibility of extending 2011 vehicles for replacement.

Approved (H. Sethi)

Recommendation PVAC-0016-2017

Al Cormier, Citizen Member spoke briefly regarding a request to have an update on the TNC Pilot Project at each meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee. Mike Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement indicated that additional staff had been hired to evaluate the project and that Uber had been compliant to date with forwarding necessary data. Mr. Pandori inquired about previous charges to Uber, to which Mr. Foley advised that all cases were still currently before the courts. Councillor Starr noted that his office had received several calls regarding unidentified Uber vehicles. Mr. Cormier requested that staff provide a verbal update on the pilot at each meeting.

Recommendation

That staff be directed to provide an update regarding the status of the TNC Pilot Project at each meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee.

Approved (A. Cormier)

Recommendation PVAC-0017-2017

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

October 31, 2017 at 10:00 AM - Council Chambers, 2nd floor Civic Centre

11. **ADJOURNMENT** – 9:44 AM