
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date

2018/02/13

Time

10:04 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)
Vikesh Kohli (Citizen Member)
Rajendra Singh (Citizen Member)
Harsimar Singh Sethi (Elected at Large)
Nirmal Singh (Taxicab Owners)

Members Absent

Baljit Singh Pandori (Taxicab Brokerages)
(Vacant) (Taxicab Drivers)
Joshua Zahavy (Limousine Brokerages)

Staff Present

Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement
Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Yelena Adamopoulos, Project Manager – TNC Pilot Project
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 10:04 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large requested to add a request to Square One Shopping Centre to install taxi stands at the mall.

Approved, as amended (H. S. Sethi)

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

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - October 31, 2017

Approved, as presented (A. Cormier)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Yelena Adamopoulos, Project Manager – TNC Pilot Project spoke regarding the TNC Pilot Project.

Ms. Adamopoulos provided a comprehensive overview of the Transportation Network Company (TNC) Licensing Pilot Project and spoke to the project's purpose, objectives, organization structure, scope, and evaluation matrix. Furthermore, Ms. Adamopoulos spoke to the phases of the Enforcement Division's approach to the pilot including audits, compilation of any public complaints, data analysis, and continuing research with respect to monitoring the TNC industry, consulting with stakeholders, and benchmarking with other municipalities. Finally, Ms. Adamopoulos spoke regarding the City's public awareness campaign that was launched in December 2017.

Al Cormier, Citizen Member made inquiries pertaining to the permanence of the program, public complaints, inspections and contraventions. Michael Foley, Manager, Municipal Licensing Enforcement noted that it has not yet been determined whether the program will continue beyond the pilot period, that the City had not received complaints regarding TNC operation thus far, that minor infractions, such as not displaying the TNC decal, had been dealt with during inspections, and commented further that staff were not in a position to provide detailed analysis of the TNC Pilot until after the TNC Pilot Project was complete. In response to an inquiry from Councillor Starr, staff advised that they had met with City of Toronto staff regarding their TNC model and that all further benchmarking would occur upon receiving the data analysis of the Pilot Project.

RECOMMENDATION

That the deputation and associated presentation by Yelena Adamopoulos, Project Manager – TNC Pilot with respect to the TNC Pilot Project, be received for information.

Received (H. S. Sethi)
(Recommendation PVAC-0001-2018)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit (5 Minutes per Speaker)

6.1. Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry spoke regarding the data analysis portion of the TNC Pilot Project, noting that not all data items were listed in both columns of the proposed reporting form inquired about the inclusion of driver income, point of sale transactions and lease rates. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement commented that driver income is personal and that staff is concerned with the accuracy of that type of data.

6.2. Chris Schafer, Uber Canada spoke regarding the City's public awareness campaign and noted that Uber also provides the information via the Uber app and through email to Uber users.

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1. Michael Foley, Manager Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal update with respect to industry feedback and comments pertaining to the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended.

Mr. Foley noted that staff had contacted the industry twice to solicit feedback and input and had received two responses. Furthermore, Mr. Foley spoke to options in which to have the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Members provide feedback and input into the line-by-line review, noting that staff would be obtaining feedback from the industry through engagement focus groups at a future date.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement with respect to industry feedback and comments pertaining to the line-by-line review of Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, be received for information.

Received (A. Cormier)
(Recommendation PVAC-0002-2018)

- 7.2. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal interim report with respect to accessible taxi plates.

Mr. Foley noted that staff had undertaken to complete an accessibility project, that the project charter was shortly to be completed, and outlined the scope area of focus on the project. In response to questions regarding the economics of the issuance of accessible taxi plates, Mr. Foley noted that staff would endeavour to develop a strategy that would allow for the provision of a subsidy or level playing field. Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement noted that staff would provide information at the next meeting of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee, outlining the approach to dealing with the matter of accessible taxi plates.

Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large inquired as to the number of accessible plates currently issued and the number of plates currently “on the shelf”, to which Mr. Foley noted that there are currently 37 accessible taxi plates in operation, with one “on the shelf” and further noted that there were approximately 20 regular taxi plates also “on the shelf”.

RECOMMENDATION

That the verbal update by Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement with respect to an interim report pertaining to accessible taxi plates, be received for information.

Received (R. Singh)
(Recommendation PVAC-0003-2018)

- 7.3. Correspondence from Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large regarding the requirement of designated taxi stands at Square One Mall.

Mr. Singh Sethi spoke to the need for a significantly increased number of taxi stands at Square One Shopping Centre, to which there was general consensus amongst Members. Councillor Starr noted that several discussions had taken place with Square One ownership/management on this matter and that further discussion should take place, led by the Councillors and Enforcement staff. Mr. Singh Sethi also noted the need to have taxi stands at the hospitals in Mississauga.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the correspondence from Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large provided to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee at their meeting on February 13, 2018 with respect to the requirement of designated taxi stands at Square One Shopping Centre, be received;

2. That Enforcement staff and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meet with Square One Shopping Centre owners and mall security to discuss the installation of taxi stands at Square One.

Approved (H. S. Sethi)
(Recommendation PVAC-0004-2018)

7.4. Review of the 2017 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Action List

Members briefly reviewed the amended PVAC Work Plan, noting that items no longer relevant should be removed.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the revised Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan 2014-2018, be received;
2. That staff be directed to review and remove Work Plan items that are no longer relevant.

Approved (A. Cormier)
(Recommendation PVAC-0005-2018)

8. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

8.1. Memorandum dated November 30, 2017 from Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator with respect to Karam Punian's PVAC Membership status.

No discussion took place on this matter.

8.2. Policy Update - Respectful Workplace and Workplace Violence Policies

Councillor Starr commented that the Respectful Workplace and Workplace Violence Policies had been updated, and included on the agenda for review by the Committee.

8.3. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee - 2018 Meeting Dates

Councillor Starr noted that meetings of Committees of Council would stop in June 2018, to provide for the Elections Recess, due to the Municipal Election taking place on October 22, 2018.

Councillor Kovac moved to receive all Information Items.

RECOMMENDATION

That the following Information Items, as listed on the February 13, 2018 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee agenda, be received for information:

- 8.1. Memorandum dated November 30, 2017 from the Legislative Coordinator with respect to Karam Punian's PVAC Membership status.
- 8.2. Policy Update – Respectful Workplace and Workplace Violence Policies.
- 8.3. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee 2018 Meeting Dates.

Received (Councillor Kovac)
(Recommendation PVAC-0006-2018)

9. **OTHER BUSINESS** - Nil.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - April 17, 2018 - 10:00 AM, Civic Centre, Council Chambers
11. **ADJOURNMENT** - 10:51 AM