

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date

2019/02/11

Time

10:02 AM

Location

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

Members Present

Councillor Ron Starr, Ward 6 (Chair)
Councillor John Kovac, Ward 4 (Vice-Chair)
Vikesh Kohli (Citizen Member)
Rajendra Singh (Citizen Member)
Baljit Singh Pandori (Taxicab Brokerages)
Harsimar Singh Sethi (Elected at Large)
Nirmal Singh (Taxicab Owners) (Arrived at 10:06 AM)

Members Absent

Al Cormier (Citizen Member)
(Vacant) (Taxicab Drivers)
Joshua Zahavy (Limousine Owners)

Staff Present

Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement
Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Alexandra Schwenger, Policy Analyst, Enforcement
Megan Piercey, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
Karen Morden, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 10:02 AM

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large, requested to add an item to other business with respect to a request for an extension on 2011 vehicles.

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 - June 18, 2018

Approved (H. S. Sethi)

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. **Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, to speak regarding Items 7.1 and 7.2.**

- 5.1.1. Mr. Sexsmith spoke to his correspondence, requesting that staff look into subsidy options from the Province for an accessible taxi program. Committee Members engaged in discussion with staff whether the Provincial funding was earmarked for public vehicles only. Mr. Sexsmith referred back to an article discussing the Ontario Community Transportation Grant Program, which stated that grants could be given to municipalities who partner with private transportation operators. Councillor Starr directed staff to consult with the Region and investigate the subsidy options for accessible taxis.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0001-2019

1. That the deputation and associated correspondence by Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to subsidy funding from the Province for an accessible taxi program be received;
2. That staff be directed consult with the Region and report back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with more information on subsidy funding from the Province for an accessible taxi program.

Approved (Councillor Kovac)

Recommendation PVAC-0001-2019

- 5.1.2. Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement, advised that the TNC Pilot Project had been extended to July 2019 and noted that staff are aiming to bring the TNC Pilot Project report to General Committee in April 2019.
Mr. Sexsmith, spoke to his correspondence regarding his feedback on the TNC Pilot

Project. Mr. Sexsmith requested that staff look into the taxi plate formula to see how many taxis are required to match the number of TNCs. Mr. Sexsmith then inquired about the pick-up fee at the airport for TNCs versus the Taxi Industry. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement, noted that the City of Mississauga was not involved in the negotiation of fees with respect to the GTAA. Mr. Rogers noted that many of the issues mentioned in Mr. Sexsmith's correspondence will be discussed in the TNC Pilot Project report and that staff would be bringing back the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to the next Public Vehicle Advisory Committee.

Mr. Sexsmith requested that staff consult with the City of Toronto in regards to training for all transportation workers. Mr. Foley noted that there have been few issues with TNCs and that the City is in close contact with the City of Toronto in regards to these kinds of issues. Councillor Starr requested that staff to look into the feasibility of training for TNC operators.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0002-2019

1. That the deputation and associated correspondence by Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to feedback on the TNC Pilot Project be received;
2. That staff be directed to bring back the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

Approved (B. S. Pandori)

Recommendation PVAC-0002-2019

5.2. Alexander Mantadis, Oakville Resident, to speak regarding Item 7.3.

Mr. Mantadis spoke to the correspondence from Peter Pellier with respect to reducing the renewal fee for inactive plates. Mr. Mantadis requested to reduce the renewal fee to \$100 and to increase the extension period for inactive plates to a full year. Committee Members engaged in discussion and noted support for the request. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement, advised the Committee that the model for the fees is based on cost recovery, which is required under the by-law and changes to the fees would require an amendment. Councillor Starr directed staff to look into different models for the renewal of inactive plates and to bring a report back to a future Public Vehicle Advisory Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0003-2019

1. That the deputation by Alexander Mantadis, Oakville Resident, with respect to the email dated January 10, 2019 from Peter Pellier, Taxi Industry, regarding the renewal fee for inactive plates be received;
2. That staff be directed to look into different models for the renewal of inactive plates and report back to Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with a review on the renewal fee for inactive plates.

Approved (B. S. Pandori)

Recommendation PVAC-0003-2019

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

Sami Khairallah, Taxi Industry, enquired about the number of operating vehicles from TNCs and requested a comparison of the licensing regulations and revenue generated from TNCs between the City of Mississauga and the City of Toronto.

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement, advised that the City cannot speak to the City of Toronto's number of operating vehicles from TNCs; however staff does count the number of operating vehicles from TNCs in Mississauga. Mr. Foley further advised that a financial update regarding revenue and expenditures relating to the pilot project will be included in the report as well as the exact number of trips from TNCs. Mr. Foley noted that the City does collect the information for each individual driver of TNCs electronically and this information is audited by staff and a third party.

At this time Councillor Starr invited Mr. Khairallah to speak to item 8.2 on the agenda.

Mr. Khairallah spoke to his feedback on the TNC Pilot Project and requested \$50,000 in compensation for plate owners who have owned a plate since the beginning of the TNC Pilot Project. Councillor Starr directed staff to investigate the Quebec model and other jurisdictions and to report back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with further information.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0006-2019

1. That the article dated February 6, 2019 from Sami Khairallah, Taxi Industry, with respect to feedback on the TNC Pilot Project, be received;
2. That staff investigate compensation models from Quebec and other jurisdictions in consultation with Legal Services and report back to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee with further information.

Approved (B. S. Pandori)

Recommendation PVAC-0006-2019

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

- 7.1. Email dated January 8, 2019 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to requesting funding from the Province to subsidize the accessible taxi program.

This item was dealt with during Deputation 5.1.1.

- 7.2. Email dated January 22, 2019 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to feedback on the TNC Pilot Project.

This item was dealt with during Deputation 5.1.2.

- 7.3. Email dated January 10, 2019 from Peter Pellier, Taxi Industry, with respect to the renewal fee for inactive plates.

This item was dealt with during Deputation 5.2.

- 7.4. 2014-2018 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan

No discussion took place regarding this item. Committee Members noted receipt.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0004-2019

That the 2014 - 2018 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan be received for information.

Received (Councillor Kovac)

Recommendation PVAC-0004-2019

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 8.1. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement to provide a verbal update with respect to the TNC Pilot Project.

Mr. Foley provided a brief update on the status of the TNC Pilot Project. Mr. Foley noted that there are currently 3 TNCs licenced in the City and that the TNC Pilot Project report is estimated to be brought forward to General Committee in April. Mr. Foley further noted that staff will be bringing back the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended, to the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee at the next meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0005-2019

That the verbal update by Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement with respect to the update on the TNC Pilot Project be received for information.

Received (H. S. Sethi)

Recommendation PVAC-0005-2019

- 8.2. Email dated February 6, 2019 from Sami Khairallah, Taxi Industry, with respect to feedback on the TNC Pilot Project.

This item was dealt with during Public Question Period.

- 8.3. Article dated February 5, 2018 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to taxi lawsuit in Ottawa.

No discussion took place regarding this item. Committee Members noted receipt.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0007-2019

That the article dated February 5, 2018 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Industry, with respect to taxi lawsuit in Ottawa, be received for information.

Received (V. Kohli)

Recommendation PVAC-0007-2019

- 8.4. 2019 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

No discussion took place regarding this item. Committee Members noted receipt.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0008-2019

That the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule for 2019 as outlined in the Memorandum dated January 21, 2019 from Megan Piercey, Legislative Coordinator, be received for information.

Received (Councillor Kovac)

Recommendation PVAC-0008-2019

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Harsimar Singh Sethi, Elected at Large, requested to extend the 2011 vehicles for replacement. Committee members engaged in discussion regarding the current state of these vehicles. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement, noted that the 2011 vehicles have met requirements and are in good physical condition. Mr. Foley cautioned that if there is an additional extension made to the model year restrictions there would be consequences with older cars being used for TNCs. Mr. Foley then

advised the Committee that any changes to to extend the model year restrictions would require an amendment to the by-law.

RECOMMENDATION

PVAC-0009-2019

1. That the request 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 extend the 2011 vehicles for replacement by 6 months.

Approved (H. S. Sethi)

Recommendation PVAC-0009-2019

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – April 9, 2019 – 10:00 AM, Civic Centre, Council Chambers
11. **ADJOURNMENT** – 11:20 AM (V. Kohli)