
ADDITIONAL AGENDA

Budget Committee

Date: April 28, 2021

Time: 1:00PM (Please note that the meeting will not begin prior to 1:00PM and is subject to the completion of the General Committee meeting)

Location: Online Video Conference

Members

Mayor Bonnie Crombie	Chair
Councillor Stephen Dasko	Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras	Ward 2
Councillor Chris Fonseca	Ward 3
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4
Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6
Councillor Dipika Damerla	Ward 7
Councillor Matt Mahoney	Ward 8
Councillor Pat Saito	Ward 9
Councillor Sue McFadden	Ward 10
Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11

Participate Virtually and/or via Telephone

Advance registration is required to participate and/or make a comment in the virtual meeting. **Questions for Public Question Period are required to be provided to Clerk's staff at least 24 hours in an advance of the meeting.** Any materials you wish to show the Committee during your presentation must be provided as an attachment to the email. Links to cloud services will not be accepted. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

To register, please email dayna.obaseki@mississauga.ca and for Residents without access to the internet via computer, smartphone or tablet, can register by calling Dayna Obaseki at 905-615-3200 ext. 5425 **no later than Monday, April 26, 2021 before 4:00PM.** You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

Contact

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5. DEPUTATIONS

- *5.3. Item 8.6 - Brad Butt, Vice-President, Government and Stakeholder Relations, Mississauga Board of Trade (MBOT)
- *5.4. Item 8.6 - Kulbir Gill, Alliance Personal Care

***10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- *10.1. Emails dated Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24, 2021 from Peter D. Pellier, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees
- *10.2. An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Mark Sexsmith, Taxi Owner/Operator regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees
- *10.3. An email dated Friday, April 23, 2021 from Alexander Mantadis, Resident regarding the Review of Business Licensing Fees

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: 2021 TAXI LICENCE RENEWAL FEES
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:05:27 AM

COUNCILLORS:

Given current operating conditions for Mississauga's cabbies, along with the sheer number of inactive plates, it behooves the City to provide some measure of relief with respect to this year's taxi renewal fees. After all, the current state of affairs was triggered by the actions of you and your colleagues, and not the Province. To ask Queen's Park to shoulder the financial burden with respect to reducing taxi licence fees is to deny reality surrounding why the industry is in such dire straits, and has been since TNC's entered the VFH industry.

Under the circumstances, surely, you and your colleagues can see your way clear to assisting a beleaguered group of business operators, especially those whose plates are on the shelf.

PETER D. PELLIER

From:
To:
Cc:
Subject: 2021 BUSINESS LICENCE FEES
Date: Saturday, April 24, 2021 11:05:01 AM

Please ensure this letter is directed to members of Council in its capacity as the Budget Committee.

THE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

I am writing this letter as a member of Mississauga's beleaguered taxi industry, who, since Uber's incursion, and eventual licensing, has been decimated. The pandemic merely exacerbated what became a most challenging operating environment - one that has resulted in both significant financial losses and an exponential rise in the number of inactive plates.

Given both Toronto and Brampton has seen fit to discount taxi licence renewal fees for 2021 out of compassion for the plight of their cabbies; given Mississauga has been a leader in the regulation of cabs for the past 50 years, it behooves members of Council to provide similar consideration. Does it not make eminent sense from a practical standpoint for the City to seek redress from the Province directly, rather than expect individual taxi operators to wait for assistance from Queen's Park - assistance which is unlikely to be forthcoming in the foreseeable future, if at all.

The 2020 taxi licence renewal fees for plate holders totalled \$655.00, including the taxi driver's licence fee. Given the precipitous drop in the level of business, this represents an onerous burden, particularly for those operators whose plates are on the shelf.

In discussing the staff recommendation with colleagues, to a person, they are outraged at the lack of consideration for their current financial plight, and justifiably so.

We implore you to show the leadership of which you are fully capable, by extending a discount on our licence renewal fees for the current year.

Thank you.

PETER D. PELLIER

From:
To:
Subject: Re: Review of Business Licensing Fees - Budget Committee Meeting April 28, 2021
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:25:32 PM

Please include the following in the meetings of the week of April 26-30 regarding Council's and the Budget Committee's discussions regarding licensing fees.

To: Mayor Crombie and City Councillors:

Staff are recommending that there should be no reductions in licensing fees for 2021 and 2022.

Mr. Rogers' power point presentation clearly states that other jurisdictions have offered the Vehicle For Hire industry a break on this year's fees. I cannot imagine what the City is thinking if it cannot offer an industry that has been hard hit by Covid 19 deaths, rocketing insurance rates, and plummeting business volume from the restaurant, travel and convention trades which are the backbone of the Mississauga industry. The VFH industry contributes the largest portion of licensing fees to the City, and it would seem to make sense to offer short term help for the long term health of the industry.

The City of Brampton and Metro Toronto are offering many businesses a break on licensing fees this year, not just for the taxi industry. Mr. Rogers is suggesting that discounts are in fact reasonable, but that the Provincial Government should be the jurisdiction offering rebates. The costs of administering this type of program on an individual business case by case application would far outweigh the costs of just having the City discount all fees, and then apply to the Provincial Government for supporting funding.

Thanking you in advance for your support of all licensed business in Mississauga.

Mark Sexsmith
Taxi Owner/Operator

From:
To:
Subject: Review of Business Licensing Fees - Budget Committee Meeting April 28, 2021
Date: Friday, April 23, 2021 3:54:15 PM

Please include the following in the meetings of the week of April 26-30 regarding Council's and the Budget Committee's discussions regarding licensing fees.

To: Mayor Crombie and City Councillors:

The directive to liberalize the taxi industry by the Federal competition bureau did not suggest that ridehailing be provided with overwhelming benefit and the taxi industry to shoulder undue financial burden. The idea was to provide fair competition.

Yet, in the City of Mississauga, ridehailing continues to be provided with preferential advantage. To operate a ridesharing outfit in the City an annual \$ 20,000 upfront fee is required which provides unlimited access to the Mississauga Vehicle for Hire market. That means unlimited vehicle numbers which use City of Mississauga roads and air!

The same \$ 20,000 upfront fee applied to the taxi industry would result in 42 cabs on the road!

There are 704 taxicab plates in the City and the City collects \$468 per cab. That results in \$329,472.00 in upfront fees to the City.

Why is there a discrepancy and why is material favor given to ridehailing?
Taxis ought to pay the same upfront fee as ridehailing.

Taxicabs which are not in service and have been for quite some time, ought not be required to pay fees.

They are not producing any income whatsoever and do not use any Mississauga services like roads or air. Ridehailing vehicles which don't work, don't pay. This should be equally applied to the taxi industry.

Moreover, the City ought to assume some responsibility and reduce fees for all taxis in this year to show consideration in these difficult times.

Alexander Mantadis