
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date: June 15, 2021
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Online Video Conference

Members

Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6 (Chair)
Councillor John Kovac	Ward 4 (Vice-Chair)
Al Cormier	Citizen Member
Vikesh Kohli	Citizen Member
Michael Ogilvie	Citizen Member
Baljit Singh Pandori	Appointed Industry Member - Taxi Brokerages
Tarlochan Saggu	Appointed Industry Member – Limousine Brokerages
Mark Sexsmith	Citizen Member – Taxi Industry Representative
Ashwani Tangri	Citizen Member

Participate Virtually and/or via Telephone

Advance registration is required to attend, 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. **Please note the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee will not be streamed or video posted afterwards.**

To register, please email michelle.sanstra@mississauga.ca and for Residents without access to the internet via computer, smartphone or tablet, can register by calling Michelle Sanstra at 905-615-3200 ext. 5411 no later than Monday, June 14, 2021 before 12:00 PM. You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

Contact

Michelle Sanstra, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
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Find it online

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

4.1. Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - December 8, 2020

5. **DEPUTATIONS**

5.1. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement Regarding Proposed Changes to the Fare Model

6. **PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit**

Public Comments: Advance registration is required to participate and/or to make comments in the virtual public meeting. Any member of the public interested in speaking to an item listed on the agenda must register by calling 905-615-3200 ext. 5411 or by emailing michelle.sanstra@mississauga.ca by Monday, June 14, 2021 before 12:00 PM.

Pursuant to Section 42 of the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2013, as amended:

Public Advisory Committee may grant permission to a member of the public to ask a question of General Committee, with the following provisions:

1. Questions shall be submitted to the Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the meeting;
2. A person is limited to two (2) questions and must pertain specific item on the current agenda and the speaker will state which item the question is related to;
3. The total public question period time is 15 minutes maximum and shall not be extended by the Chair; and
4. Any response not provided at the meeting will be provided in the format of a written response.

7. **CONSENT AGENDA**

8. **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED**

8.1. 2018 - 2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan (For Review/Approval)

9. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

9.1. Resignation Email From Harsimar Singh Sethi, Citizen Member: Taxi Driver Representative, Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

9.2. Email dated June 7, 2021 from Peter Pelier, Resident regarding A New Mobile Licensing Model

- 9.3. Email dated May 28, 2021 from Sami Khairallah, Resident regarding Taxi Regulations and Licensing Fees in the City of Mississauga

This matter was referred to Public Vehicle Advisory Committee at the Council meeting on June 2, 2021

10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - September 21, 2021**

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Members Absent

Vikesh Kohli	Citizen Member
Tarlochan Saggu	Appointed Industry Member – Limousine Brokerages
Harsimar Singh Sethi	Citizen Member – Taxi Drivers Representative

Staff Present

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Jonathan De Iuliis, Researcher, Business Support, Enforcement
Megan Piercey, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:01 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (B. Pandori)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - September 15, 2020

Approved (A. Cormier)

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1 Mobile Licensing (Verbal Update)

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided an update on the status of mobile licensing, which included updates on the fare model education & engagement strategy and financial options for the “plates on the shelf” & the issuance model. Committee Members noted concerns with the upcoming February 2021 renewal fees for the taxi industry. Mr. Foley advised that staff were working on a division wide licensing fee relief report that would go to General Committee in 2021.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0009-2020

That the verbal update from Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement regarding mobile licensing be received.

Approved (B. Pandori)

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0010-2020

That staff review the feasibility of providing mobile licensing fee relief for the taxi industry.

Approved (B. Pandori)

7.2 2018-2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan (For Review/Approval)

No discussion took place regarding this item.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0011-2020

That the 2018-2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved.

Approved (Councillor Kovac)

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

8.1 Email dated November 29, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member regarding supply management and government compensation for the taxi industry

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member spoke to the email and noted that the City should review the feasibility of compensation for the taxi industry. Councillor Starr encouraged Mr. Sexsmith to make a deputation at a future General Committee meeting with respect to his request for compensation for the taxi industry. Councillor Starr also advised Mr. Sexsmith to contact the City's economic development office with respect to this matter.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0012-2020

That the email dated November 29, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member regarding supply management and government compensation for the taxi industry be received.

Received (Councillor Kovac)

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Committee Members engaged in discussion about the Federal and Provincial strategies related to COVID-19 vaccines and if the City had a strategy for transporting people to receive the vaccine. Councillor Starr and Councillor Kovac advised that the City continued to strategize options related to COVID-19 and that information would be shared to the public through the City's and the Region's website as soon as it was available.

11. ADJOURNMENT - 10:50 AM (A. Cormier)

Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan

Issue		Action	Scope	Target Date
1.	Fare Model	Item for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line by line item 19 & 20 Staff to provide the industry with engagement results 	June 15 th
2.	Priority List Action	Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Line by line item 26 Provide an update on the status of the priority list Recommendation of possible actions moving forward 	2021 Quarter 4
3.	Accessible Taxicabs Model Year Restriction	Item for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viability of extending the model year restriction for accessible taxicabs 	2021 Quarter 4
On-going Items				
4.	Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law-Accepted Items	To be brought to General Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> De-regulation of Public Vehicle By-law Level the playing field 	On-going
5.	Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law-Outstanding items	Item for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reach a consensus on Items 19, 20, 24, 26, 28, 32, 46 and 51 Level the playing field through deregulation 	On-going
6.	Toronto's Vehicle-for-Hire Training Requirements	Monitor Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyze Toronto's new training requirements (On-hold due to the pandemic) Assess if training requirements in the City need to be modified 	On-going

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7.	Approaches to collecting a cash-in-lieu of accessible service fee	Monitor Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor jurisdictions who collect a cash-in-lieu of accessible service fee • Asses regulations for collecting a fee • Asses framework for distributing funds 	On-going
8.	TNC Updates	Item for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulatory and operational updates 	On-going
9.	On Demand Accessible Vehicle-for-Hire Service	Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff Report to General Committee regarding the collection of a 'cash in-lieu' of service fee from TNC trips • Report to include what the City can and cannot do with the collection of a 'cash in-lieu' of service fee 	On-going
Items To Be Determine				
10.	Mobile Licensing Enforcement Practices	Item for Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal Report • Dependant on the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 	TBD
11.	Public Vehicle By-law Review	Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up report 	TBD

From: Harsimar Sethi
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 10:15 AM
To: Megan Piercey <Megan.Piercey@mississauga.ca>
Subject: Re: 2021 PVAC Mid-term Citizen Member Check-in

Good morning Megan

This is to inform you that I will not be able to continue my services as citizen member in PVAC because of some other commitments.
Sorry for the late reply.

Thanks and regards
Harsimar singh sethi.

From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: A NEW MOBILE LICENSING MODEL
Date: Monday, June 7, 2021

THE CHAIR & MEMBERS,

PVAC.

Since the advent of ridesharing companies, the Vehicle For Hire industry has undergone a complete transformation - one that has witnessed a sharp decline in the demand for taxis. Under the circumstances, continuing to impose a licensing model and corresponding fee schedule designed for a bygone era is neither just nor sustainable - certainly not for the many cabbies whose earnings have either plummeted or ceased to exist.

In short, a licence model/fee schedule that reflects current realities is in order - one that abandons the false dichotomy between taxis and transportation network companies. The fact is there no distinction between them, seeing as they simply represent two sides of the same VFH coin.

One approach would be to eliminate the current twin licensing arrangement in favour a single Vehicle For Hire licence. Taxi owners, brokers and TNC's would receive a transferable VFH licence. The taxicab driver's licence would be eliminated altogether. After all, drivers affiliated with Uber and Lyft do not require a municipal driver's licence, so why should those individuals who operate taxis? Just like Uber/Lyft drivers are required to register with their respective companies, so, too, would those individuals driving for a taxi broker.

For those drivers who lease a plate, and operate independently, as opposed to affiliating with a broker, they would register directly with the City.

What's good for the goose, is good for the gander. Either all VFH drivers are licensed as such, or no VFH driver's licences should be required. Clearly, the current system discriminates against those on the taxi side.

Against the urgings of the taxi industry, the City elected to go down the path of deregulation. Fair dinkum. Surely, the time has come to treat all parties in this brave new world equitably, and, at the same time, bring the administration of the Vehicle For Hire industry into the 21st century.

A golden opportunity exists for the City of Mississauga to take a leadership role in this area by establishing a new mobile licensing model.

Thank you.

PETER D. PELLIER,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 Subject: Taxi Regulations & Licensing Fees in The City of Mississauga
 Date: Friday, May 28, 2021

Dear Madame Mayor & Respected Mississauga City Councillors,

As the Mississauga Taxi and Limousine industry is awaiting council's decision regarding Taxi licensing fees, I would like to bring to your attention following regulations that may need updating:

1. The requirement for a majority shareholder of corporation that owns a taxi licence to be a licensed cab driver should be eliminated. Given the current climate with TNCs such as Uber & Lyft, there shareholders do not hold taxi Licence to have restrictions on corporation that owns taxi dose not make any sense . The original purpose of this rule was to guard against outside investors driving the plate values up, as you are aware these times are long gone and this rule no longer serves a purpose.
2. Eliminate the various types of taxi licenses (Taxi, AMTV, APTV, Limo) and amalgamate them into one type of licence (Driver-For-Hire). Presently drivers are forced to pay to renewal fees on multiple types of licenses in order to maintain them specifically the Airport drivers. There is no real difference between these licenses and the system is archaic.
3. Eliminate the various Brokerage Licences (Taxi, AMTV, APTV & Limousine) as it does not serve a purpose, and allows for a scenario where one dispatch company must pay multiple license renewal fees (\$491 each) to dispatch to multiple vehicle types that are all performing the same service.
4. Waive the balance of last year renewal fee for inactive plates for the year 2020, the vehicles did not require regulation or enforcement and the fee is based on cost recovery.
5. As you are aware, the present taxi licence fee structure is no longer sustainable nor justifiable .

As Peter said, In the short term, you are urged to provide some measure of relief in the form of reduced licence fees for drivers, owners & dispatch company fees for the current year. Commencing in 2022, a revised fee schedule should be offered that reflects existing market conditions. Simply put, we can no longer afford to pay fees that reflect a bygone era.

Sami Khairallah
 Aeroport Taxi & Limousine Service

