
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date: February 18, 2020
Time: 10:04 AM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present	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
	Mark Sexsmith	Citizen Member – Taxi Industry Representative
	Baljit Singh Pandori	Appointed Industry Member – Taxi Brokerages
Members Absent	Tarlochan Saggu	Appointed Industry Member – Limousine Brokerages
	Harsimar Singh Sethi	Citizen Member – Taxi Drivers Representative
	Ashwani Tangri	Citizen Member

1. CALL TO ORDER - 10:04 am

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councillor Starr noted the following additions to the agenda:

- Item 9.1 Email dated January 10, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Driver training for taxi/TNC drivers
- Item 9.2 Email dated January 14, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Communication with the Province regarding compensation rules for the City

Approved, as amended (M. Sexsmith)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - December 3, 2019

Approved (A. Cormier)

5. DEPUTATIONS

5.1 Item 7.1 Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement

Mr. Foley provided a presentation on taxi fare models and provided the following fare model options: adjustments to the current fare, introduce a maximum fare, fixed fares or deregulation. Committee members expressed concerns with the fare model options provided and directed staff to further summarize the options given and provide a report at the next Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) meeting.

Committee members requested an update on the accessible on-demand vehicle for hire project. Sam Rogers, Director, Enforcement noted that the committee had not come to a consensus with respect to the previous options given for the accessible on-demand vehicle for hire project. Mr. Rogers advised that the City could start collecting cash in lieu of accessible services from TNCs.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0001-2020

That the deputation by Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement with respect to Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended be received.

Received (Councillor J. Kovac)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Raj Grewal, Brampton Resident spoke to insurance and deregulation concerns with respect to the taxi industry. Councillor Starr advised the resident to provide a letter to Council to request assistance from the Province on this matter.

Toronto Residents spoke to insurance concerns and noted concerns with TNCs.

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

7.1 Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended

This item was discussed and received during item 5.1.

7.2 2018-2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan (For review/approval)

Al Cormier, Citizen Member noted the discussion that took place during item 5.1 with respect to accessible services for on-demand vehicles for hire. The committee directed staff to review the feasibility of collecting cash in lieu of accessible services from TNC's and provide a report directly to General Committee.

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member requested an update on increasing the vehicle model year restrictions to 10 years for standard taxicabs. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement noted that staff had reviewed the vehicles and advised that staff would request an amendment to the by-law to increase the vehicle model year restrictions to 10 years.

Mr. Sexsmith enquired about the status of fender numbers on taxicabs and Mr. Foley advised that the City is not enforcing fender numbers at this time.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0002-2020

1. That the 2018-2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved.
2. That staff review the feasibility of collecting cash in lieu of accessible services from TNC's and provide a report directly to General Committee.

Approved (A. Cormier)

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Email dated January 10, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Driver training for taxi/TNC drivers

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member enquired if the City would enforce taxicab and TNC drivers to take a driver training course in the future, as proposed within the City of Toronto. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement advised that the City would continue to monitor what the City of Toronto implements and monitor the results to determine if the training would be of value before proposing any changes to the by-law.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0003-2020

That the email dated January 10, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Driver training for taxi/TNC drivers, be received.

Received (Councillor J. Kovac)

9.2 Email dated January 14, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Communication with the Province regarding compensation rules for the City

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member enquired about the City's communication with the Province with respect to compensation for Taxicab owners. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement advised that a letter was sent to the Province from the Mayor and Members of Council and noted that the City had not received a response at this time.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0004-2020

That the email dated January 14, 2020 from Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member in regards to Communication with the Province regarding compensation rules for the City, be received.

Received (Councillor J. Kovac)

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - April 21, 2020

11. ADJOURNMENT – 11:41 am (B. S. Pandori)