
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date: December 8, 2020
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
Harsimar Singh Sethi	Citizen Member – Taxi Drivers Representative
Ashwani Tangri	Citizen Member

Participate Virtually

Any member of the public interested in speaking to an item listed on the agenda may register at megan.piercey@mississauga.ca or call 905-615-3200 ext. 4915 by Monday, December 7, 2020 before 12:00 P.M.

Please note the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee will not be streamed or video posted afterwards. If you are interested in attending the meeting virtually, please contact megan.piercey@mississauga.ca or call 905-615-3200 ext. 4915 by Monday, December 7, 2020 before 12:00 P.M. in order to join the meeting.

Contact

Megan Piercey, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services
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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 - September 15, 2020

5. DEPUTATIONS - Nil

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Advance registration is required to participate in virtually in public question period. Please see this agenda cover for registration details.

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

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

1. The question must pertain to a specific item on the current agenda and the speaker will state which item the question is related to.
2. A person asking a question shall limit any background explanation to two (2) statements, followed by the question.
3. The total speaking time shall be five (5) minutes maximum, per speaker.

7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

7.1. Mobile Licensing (Verbal Update)

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

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

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - February 16, 2021

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Members Absent	Harsimar Singh Sethi	Citizen Member – Taxi Drivers Representative

Staff Present

Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement
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 (A. Cormier)
3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil
4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
- 4.1 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Minutes - February 18, 2020
Approved (A. Cormier)
5. DEPUTATIONS - Nil
6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit - Nil
7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED
- 7.1 Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended (Verbal Update)

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal status update on the outstanding unresolved items on the line-by-line review that would need consensus from the committee.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0005-2020

That the verbal update from Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement regarding the Line-by-Line Review of the Public Vehicle Licensing By-law 420-04, as amended be received.

Received (M. Sexsmith)
- 7.2 Fare Model (Verbal Update)

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal update on the fare model options and noted that public consultations with the industry were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mr. Foley noted the industry was contacted via email regarding feedback on the 4 proposed options for fare models: (1) increase or decrease current fare rates, (2) maximum fare rate, (3) fixed fare rates and (4) deregulation. Committee members engaged in discussion and directed staff to inform the industry and receive input on the favoured options (1) and (3).

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0006-2020

1. That the verbal update from Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement regarding fare models, be received.
2. That staff further incorporate the comments from the Public Vehicle Advisory Committee (PVAC) regarding fare models into a presentation at the next PVAC meeting.

Approved (A. Cormier)

7.3 Plate Issuance Model (Verbal Update)

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided a verbal update on the plate issuance model and the people who remained on the priority list. Committee members engaged in discussion and directed staff to advise people on the priority list that no action would be occurring in the foreseeable future. Committee members also noted that the \$275 annual wait-list fee was high and advised staff to review the feasibility of decreasing the fee.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0007-2020

1. That the verbal update from Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement regarding the plate issuance model, be received.
2. That staff place a moratorium on the priority list for 2 years and assess the minimum fee to charge wait-list members based on administration duties of staff to maintain the list.

Approved (B. S. Pandori)

7.4 2018-2022 Public Vehicle Advisory Committee Work Plan (For review/approval)

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member requested an update on the Demand Accessible Vehicles for Hire item on the work plan. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement advised that this item was on hold baring any new input from the committee. Mr. Foley advised that staff had presented multiple options to the committee in 2019 and the committee had been unable to come to a consensus. Mr. Foley further advised that staff would be seeking direction if the committee chose to move forward with the item.

RECOMMENDATION PVAC-0008-2020

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

Approved (M. Sexsmith)

8. INFORMATION ITEMS - Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Mark Sexsmith, Citizen Member noted concerns with the fees charged to plate owners when their plates remained on the shelf. Samuel Rogers, Director, Enforcement advised members of the cost-recovery design of fees and their use toward regulating the industry. Mr. Rogers further noted that staff could look into the fees if directed by the committee.

Mr. Sexsmith noted concerns with the lack of accessible vehicles and insurance rates. Councillor Starr advised that this issue remains outside the power of the municipality and that these concerns need to be addressed to the Province. Councillor Starr advised Mr. Sexsmith to draft a letter for the committee to review and send to the Province.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - November 17, 2020

11. ADJOURNMENT - 11:28 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 material that informs the industry of the 2 most popular choices Recommendations from the industry 	2021 Quarter 1
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 1
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 1
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 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 Monitor when and to who the funds will be distributed to 	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
To Be Determine Items				
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: [MARK SEXSMITH](#)
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: Supply management and government compensation
 Date: Sunday, November 29, 2020 1:38:36 PM

Mr. Ron Starr, Chair
 PVAC
 Mississauga

At the heart of the current debate regarding Mississauga's management of the taxi plate market is the fact that when the franchise manager (The City of Mississauga) changes the rules regarding the supply of for hire vehicles, there is a certain amount of responsibility on the part of the City to the businesses that were in the market place before the changes were instituted.

As reported in the Toronto Star (November 28/2020, Page A4), changes to the market place brought about by the Federal Government's alterations to international trade deals, which negatively affected the incomes of farmers, have resulted in compensation packages to these businesses of \$2.4 Billion, as part of a \$3.9 Billion compensation package for all businesses affected.

The taxi industry in Mississauga is in much the same position as the farming community. Opening the market to a virtually unlimited number of operators has resulted in lower incomes for drivers, and the devaluation of the taxi plates, which owners depended on for rental or retirement income. The City of Mississauga should follow in the footsteps of the senior level of government, and bring forward a compensation package that addresses these losses.

In the interim, I would ask that the PVAC recommend the following to Council:

As the 200+ plates "on the shelf" are not operating because of changes to the supply management model instituted by the City, that the City defer all but a small administration fee on the renewal of these non-operating plates,

(I would point out that owners of commercial properties that are sitting vacant have in the past been able to apply for a lower property tax fee for the duration of the period when the property is vacant. If the City can offer this break to these businesses, it should be able to extend the same consideration to taxi plate owners who have had to park their plates.)

The Mayor has publicly stated that she supports small businesses that are suffering during the current Covid 19 pandemic. The taxi industry is suffering from a major loss of business from lower levels of tourism, business travel and airport travel; it would follow that some help from the City in the way of lower fees for taxi plates sitting idle would be consistent with the Mayor's position.

Thank you,

Mark Sexsmith
 Industry Rep
 PVAC

Mark Sexsmith