
Public Vehicle Advisory Committee

Date: September 15, 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
	Tarlochan Saggu	Appointed Industry Member – Limousine Brokerages
	Mark Sexsmith	Citizen Member – Taxi Industry Representative
	Ashwani Tangri	Citizen Member
Baljit Singh Pandori	Appointed Industry Member – Taxicab Brokerages	
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)