

City of Mississauga
Minutes



Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date

2019/12/16

Time

9:35 AM

Location

Civic Centre, Council Chamber,
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1

Members Present

Councillor Ron Starr (Chair)
Mark Bell, Citizen Member
Robert Fluney, Citizen Member
Daniel Ghanime, Citizen Member
John C. Lyons, Citizen Member
Tullio (Tony) Pento, Citizen Member
Armando Tallarico, Citizen Member

Members Absent

Councillor George Carlson, (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Carolyn Parrish

Staff Present

Alexandra Schwenger, Policy Analyst, Enforcement
Jonathan De Iuliis, Researcher
Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement
Allyson D'Ovidio, Legislative Coordinator, Legislative Services

Find it online

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

1. CALL TO ORDER – 9:35 AM

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (R. Fluney)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

4.1. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes - September 16, 2019

Approved (T. Pento)

5. DEPUTATIONS – Nil

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

7.1. Vehicle Pound Facility Licensing Moratorium

Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement spoke to the Moratorium on Vehicle Pound Facility licensing matter noting it was put in place to determine the feasibility of the Virtual Pound Initiative which will no longer be moving forward.

Mr. Foley spoke to complaints from the industry; hours of operation; damage to vehicles; storage fees; issues with by-law enforcement; considerations for by-law amendments to enhance consumer protection and a standardized release form.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion with respect to by-law enforcement measures; lot hours of operation; lot size and complaint statistics. Mr. Foley responded to enquiries noting a possible amendment consideration to add the requirement of 24/7 staffing at all lots. Councillor Starr directed staff to investigate the occurrence of complaints registered with the OPP to release vehicles from lots and that any additional comments or recommendations with respect to the proposed revisions to Business Licensing By-law be forwarded to staff or the City Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0007-2019

1. That the report "Vehicle Pound Facility Licensing Moratorium" be received for information.
2. That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee provide comment on proposed

revisions to the Business Licensing By-law 1-06, as amended, for inclusion in a future report to General Committee on the licensing of Vehicle Pound Facilities.

3. That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee provide comment on the moratorium currently in place limiting the licensing of new Vehicle Pound Facilities.

Received (M. Bell)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit – Nil
(Persons who wish to address the Towing Industry Advisory Committee about a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Towing Industry Advisory Committee with a question should limit preamble to a maximum of two (2) statements, sufficient to establish the context for the question, with a 5 minute limitation. Leave must be granted by the Committee to deal with any matter not on the Agenda.)

This matter was called after item 7.1. No discussion took place.

- 7.2. Towing Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan

Councillor Starr directed staff to remove completed items from the list. Mark Bell, Citizen Member noted the collision tows and retows from vehicle pound facilities still need to be addressed. Michael Foley, Manager, Mobile Licensing Enforcement provided clarification.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0008-2019

That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan dated June 4, 2019, be received as amended.

Approved as amended (R. Fluney)

- 7.3. 2020 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

No discussion took place.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0009-2019

That the memorandum dated December 10, 2019 titled "2020 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Meeting Dates" from Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, be received.

Received (R. Fluney)

8. OTHER BUSINESS

John Lyons, Citizen Member and Tony Pento, Citizen Member spoke to the issue on storage rates, heavy towing fees and oversize vehicle storage. Councillor Starr directed staff to report back to the Towing Industry Advisory Committee on the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

TIAC-0010-2019

That Transportation and Works staff be directed to report back to the Towing Industry Advisory Committee with respect to the following rates at a future meeting:

- a) Daily Vehicle Storage
- b) Heavy Towing / Oversize Vehicle Storage

Received (M. Bell)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – February, 10 2020