
Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date: March 21, 2022
Time: 9:36 AM
Location: Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 2nd Floor
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1
And Online Video Conference

Members Present	Councillor Ron Starr	Ward 6 (Chair)
	Councillor Carolyn Parrish	Ward 5
	Councillor George Carlson	Ward 11 (Vice-Chair)
	Mark Bell	Citizen Member
	Robert Fluney	Citizen Member
	Daniel Ghanime	Citizen Member
	John C. Lyons	Citizen Member
	Tullio (Tony) Pento	Citizen Member
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Staff Present	Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator
	Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement
	John Domitrovich, Manager, Mobile Licensing
	Jonathan De Iuliis, Business Analyst, Business Support

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Carlson (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM.

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Councillor Carlson, Vice-Chair recited the Indigenous Land Statement.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor Parrish)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 DRAFT Towing Industry Advisory Committee Minutes – November 8, 2021

Approved (John Lyons)

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement with respect to Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (TSSEA) Regulations

Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement provided an overview of the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (TSSEA) Regulations which were announced by the Province in June 2020.

Councillor Parrish expressed concerns that the timelines for submitting comments and/or concerns to the Province is April 1, 2022 and that she would be requesting that a Mayor's letter be sent to the Province requesting an extension to submit comments and/or concerns. Councillor Parrish further expressed concern with the language referenced in the Regulations and no mention of dispute resolution or appeal process.

In response to Councillor Parrish's inquiry regarding who will be enforcing the Regulations, and if not City staff, how many City staff jobs would be lost, Mr. Foley, Director, Enforcement advised that at this time it is not clear who the Province will assign the enforcement of the Regulations, only that it will not be Municipal staff; and that based on the revenue models a total of 3 to 5 jobs would be effected.

Councillor Parrish inquired whether Mississauga towing companies have been excluded from providing towing services on the 400 series highway due to the Provincial Pilot Project.

Mr. Foley, Director, Enforcement noted that there are some Mississauga towing companies that were awarded a contract under the Provincial Pilot Project.

John Lyons, Citizen Member noted that the Province awarded contracts to participate in the Provincial Pilot Project without going through a tender process and does not believe that any of the contracts awarded went to Mississauga towing companies. Mr. Lyons explained the challenges of providing towing services to customers who request their services at an accident scene on a 400 series highway.

Councillor Parrish requested staff provide her the details of Provincial Pilot Project operations within the week.

Members of the Towing Advisory Committee raised the following questions/concerns/comments:

- vehicles involved in accidents on the 400 series highways are being towed out of the City of Mississauga
- towing rates under the Provincial Pilot Project are much higher than those regulated in the City of Mississauga
- extend an invitation to a representative from the Province to meet with the Committee
- is there an option for the City of Mississauga and other jurisdictions to maintain their licensing operations
- is there any data available on success/operations of the Provincial Pilot Project

Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement responded as follows:

- a towing company awarded a Provincial Pilot Project contract was required to have a storage facility and that to his knowledge only one company was permitted to use a storage facility outside of the city, but within the Region, due to City of Mississauga's moratorium on pound facilities
- the Provincial Pilot Project towing rates were set by the Province
- he would inquiry if someone from the MTO or the proposed towing group would be available
- the option of multi-tier licensing was addressed; however, the industry and insurance companies opposed the concept of multi-tier licensing
- there has been some communication made available; however, staff will reach out to see if there is any data on traffic flow and response times for arriving at the scene of an accident

RECOMMENDATION TIAC-0001-2022

Moved By C. Parrish

That the deputation and associated presentation from Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement with respect to Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (TSSEA) Regulations, be received.

Received

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Todd Keely, Owner and Operator, TLK Towing spoke to the Provincial Pilot Project and the impact it has had on his towing company with the loss of revenue as a result of not being permitted to provide towing services on the 400 series highways and inquired on what the City can do to assist the towing industry in the City of Mississauga.

Robert Flunney, Citizen Member suggested that the staff reach out the Province and invite them to meet with the committee to address their concerns.

Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement advised that anyone can submit comments and/or suggestions directly to the Province. Mr. Foley noted that he does not believe that the Province has established the department and have not yet posted the position for the Director of Enforcement. Mr. Foley advised that he could reach out to the Consultants; however, they would only be able to address the consultation process.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

10. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

10.1 Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) Work Plan

Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement sought direction from the Committee on the timelines to bring forward the Corporate Reports as listed on the Work Plan. The Committee agreed to hold off on bringing forward those Reports until further indication from the Province regarding the TSSEA Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION TIAC-0002-2022

Moved By C. Parrish

That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan be approved as discussed at the March 21, 2022 TIAC meeting.

Approved

11. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to Robert Flunney's, Citizen Member, inquiry regarding whether the renewal of tow plates will be required in June 2022, Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement advised that in accordance with the City of Mississauga's Towing Industry By-law, the renewal of tow plates and tow driver licences is required, until such time the Province begins their certification process.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 6, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT - 10:41 AM (Councillor Parrish)

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