

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



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| <p>Date: March 14, 2023</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p> | <p>Originator's files:</p> |
| <p>From: Raj Sheth, P.Eng, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services</p> | <p>Meeting date: March 29, 2023</p> |

Subject

Towing and Trucking Industry Advisory Committee

Recommendation

That the Towing and Trucking Industry Advisory Committee be established for the 2022-2026 term of Council as outlined in the report from the Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services dated March 14, 2023 titled "Towing and Trucking Advisory Committee".

Background

On February 8, 2023, General Committee approved the report related to the Committee of Council structure for the 2022-2026 term, including a recommendation "that the Towing Industry Advisory Committee be retained and that staff be directed to report back on adding the Trucking industry to this Committee and provide a revised Terms of Reference".

Comments

The Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) was formed to provide advice and recommendations on matters relating to the towing industry. Through the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, effective January of 2024, the Province is expected to assume full responsibility for the regulation of towing operators and owners including enforcement and training of industry members. Notwithstanding these legislative changes, Council has indicated that the TIAC advisory committee has been effective in addressing issues in the industry and has been an industry leader in advice and advocacy related to the new legislation.

The trucking industry is a vital part of the economy in the City of Mississauga and the wider region, as it is responsible for the movement of goods and supplies that support businesses and households. The trucking industry is experiencing issues, such as safety and security related to theft of their loads that are significantly impacting the industry.

An advisory committee including the trucking industry can offer several benefits, including:

- Communication and collaboration: The committee can serve as a liaison between the City of Mississauga and the trucking industry, facilitating communication and collaboration. This can help to identify issues and challenges faced by the trucking industry and propose solutions or initiatives to overcome them.
- Stakeholder expertise, knowledge and engagement: The committee can engage with a range of stakeholders, including trucking companies, drivers, industry associations, the insurance industry and law enforcement, who have expertise and knowledge of the industry and related fields.

The towing and trucking industry share some common issues and concerns, therefore a combined advisory committee could be a venue to facilitate Council's recommendations to the industries and address legislation and regulations proposed by other levels of government.

The proposed mandate for the Towing and Trucking Industry Advisory Committee is:

- To provide advice and recommendations to the Council on matters related to the towing and trucking industry and in the best interest of the public.
- To serve as a liaison and facilitate communication and collaboration between the City of Mississauga and the towing and trucking industry.
- To help identify and address issues and challenges faced by the towing and trucking industry in the City of Mississauga and propose solutions or initiatives to overcome them.
- The committee will consist of members appointed by Council, who have knowledge, expertise, and experience in the towing and trucking industry, as well as related fields such as transportation, logistics, and safety.

Financial Impact

The Committees have no significant impact to the City's operating budget. Citizen member participation at meetings is voluntary. Reimbursements to citizen members for costs related to conducting committee business i.e. parking fees are in accordance with the Allowable Business Expenses/Reimbursement – Employee and Citizen Members of Committees and Boards Policy.

Conclusion

Given the effectiveness of the TIAC committee in advocating for the industry and providing input into legislation related to the industry, a combined towing and trucking industry advisory committee would expand the mandate of the committee and allow for sharing of lessons learned and greater understanding of the industries and how the City can assist.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Towing and Trucking Industry Advisory Committee Terms of Reference



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