
Towing Industry Advisory Committee

Date: June 6, 2022

Time: 9:41 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	Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement
	Jonathan De Iuliis, Business Analyst, Business Support
	Angie Melo, Legislative Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Starr called the meeting to order at 9:41 AM

2. INDIGENOUS LAND STATEMENT

Councillor Starr recited the Indigenous Land Statement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (Councillor G. Carlson)

4. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - Nil

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 Towing Industry Advisory Committee Draft Minutes

Approved (J. Lyons)

6. PRESENTATIONS - Nil

7. DEPUTATIONS

7.1 Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement with respect to an update on the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021 - Ontario Regulation 417/22

Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement provided an overview of staff's interpretation of the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021 - Ontario Regulation 417/22 ("TSSEA") in relation to the certification process for Tow Operator, Tow Driver and Vehicle storage.

Mr. Foley advised that the full interpretation and enforcement of Regulations is the sole responsibility of the Province of Ontario.

Members of the Towing Advisory Committee raised the following questions/concerns/comments regarding the Regulations as follows:

- Strict unreasonable requirements that may preclude many operators and drivers from qualifying; persons related to an applicant must meet requirements is counter to human rights;
- How will rates be determined;
- Have other municipalities expressed concerns with the Regulations
- Has the Province provided a response to the City's letter with comments and concerns; a follow-up letter to the Province should be sent

Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement responded to inquiries from the Committee as follows:

- Once a Director of Enforcement is hired they will decide the criteria on assessing fit and good character;
- Rates will be set by individual operators based on their business model;
- Is not aware of concerns expressed by other Municipalities;
- Province's Towing Committee have not scheduled any further meetings and expects there to be further Regulations released;
- Concerns have been submitted to the Province which include geographic limitations; however, the Province has not responded;

RECOMMENDATION TIAC-0003-2022

That the deputation and associated presentation from Michael Foley, Director, Enforcement with respect to updated Ontario Regulations 417/22 - Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act (TSSEA), be received.

Received (Councillor C. Parrish)

8. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Todd Keely, TLK Towing, expressed concerns with the timelines for issuing Ontario Plates overlapping with the renewal of the Municipal Plates and requested that the City defer Municipal Plate renewals until the Ontario Plates come into effect.

Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement, advised that based on the schedule information provided by the Province regarding licensing and registration, there would be no dual licensing.

9. CONSENT AGENDA - Nil

10. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

10.1 Provincial Towing Pilot Project (Discussion)

Members of the Towing Advisory Committee engaged in discussions regarding the issues with the 400 Series Highway Pilot Project and raised the following questions/concerns/comments:

- How many operators were awarded contracts for the 400 series highway pilot project; and how they were selected;
- Can vehicles be towed to any location in Ontario;

- OPP removing Mississauga tow trucks from a scene and replaced by trucks from the pilot project on parts of the 403 and 410 highways that are not part of the pilot project;
- Mississauga Tow Operators not allowed on the QEW, including servicing family and/or client vehicles;
- Are other Municipalities experiencing similar issues with the Pilot Project;
- How effective has the Pilot Project been;
- A summary of comments and concerns regarding the pilot project to the Province should be sent;

Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement responded to inquiries from the Committee as follows:

- A list of tow companies awarded Pilot Project contracts is available online; staff will provide a list of tow companies and the selection process/criteria;
- There is a 20 KM restriction of the section of highway that a contractor bids for, which vehicles can be towed to;
- Is not aware of concerns expressed by other Municipalities;
- Concerns have been submitted to the Province which include geographic limitations; however, the Province has not responded;
- Understands that the Pilot Project is proceeding effectively

10.2 Towing Industry Advisory Committee (TIAC) Work Plan

No discussions took place regarding this matter.

RECOMMENDATION TIAC-0005-2022

That the Towing Industry Advisory Committee Work Plan dated May 30, 2022 be approved.

Carried (Councillor G. Carlson)

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Collision Tow Rates

John Lyons, Citizen Member expressed concern with respect to collision rates for vehicles that requiring a tow to the reporting centre from the storage facility. Mr. Lyons noted that the current rates do not reflect the work undertaken by the tow driver to tow the vehicle to the reporting centre during their hours of operation, and requested an increase to the tow rates.

Michael Foley, Acting Director, Enforcement, advised that it is not feasible for staff to prepare a Corporate Report with respect to a rate amendments in time for Council to consider before the summer recess.

Staff was directed to provide Councillor Parrish with information to be included on a Motion for the next Council meeting with respect to a tow rate amendment.

RECOMMENDATION TIAC-0004-2023

That Mobile Licensing staff be directed to provide information to Councillor Parrish for the preparation of a Motion to Council to consider increasing the re-tow rates and requesting the Collision Report Centre extend their hours of operation.

Carried (Councillor C. Parrish)

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TBD
13. ADJOURNMENT - 10:39 AM. (J. Lyons)