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Mr. Ron Starr, Chair
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At the heart of the current debate regarding Mississauga's management of the taxi plate market is the fact that when the franchise manager (The City of Mississauga) changes the rules regarding the supply of for hire vehicles, there is a certain amount of responsibility on the part of the City to the businesses that were in the market place before the changes were instituted.

As reported in the Toronto Star (November 28/2020, Page A4), changes to the market place brought about by the Federal Government's alterations to international trade deals, which negatively affected the incomes of farmers, have resulted in compensation packages to these businesses of \$2.4 Billion, as part of a \$3.9 Billion compensation package for all businesses affected.

The taxi industry in Mississauga is in much the same position as the farming community. Opening the market to a virtually unlimited number of operators has resulted in lower incomes for drivers, and the devaluation of the taxi plates, which owners depended on for rental or retirement income. The City of Mississauga should follow in the footsteps of the senior level of government, and bring forward a compensation package that addresses these losses.

In the interim, I would ask that the PVAC recommend the following to Council:

As the 200+ plates "on the shelf" are not operating because of changes to the supply management model instituted by the City, that the City defer all but a small administration fee on the renewal of these non-operating plates,

(I would point out that owners of commercial properties that are sitting vacant have in the past been able to apply for a lower property tax fee for the duration of the period when the property is vacant. If the City can offer this break to these businesses, it should be able to extend the same consideration to taxi plate owners who have had to park their plates.)

The Mayor has publicly stated that she supports small businesses that are suffering during the current Covid 19 pandemic. The taxi industry is suffering from a major loss of business from lower levels of tourism, business travel and airport travel; it would follow that some help from the City in the way of lower fees for taxi plates sitting idle would be consistent with the Mayor's position.

Thank you,

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