

**COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE
SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT 26
MAY 25, 2022**

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**EXTRACT OF DRAFT MINUTES 26
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**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE
DU PROCÈS-VERBAL 26
COMITÉ DES SERVICES
COMMUNAUTAIRES ET DE
PROTECTION
LE 19 MAI 2022**

2. VEHICLE-FOR-HIRE BY-LAW – AMENDMENT TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS AND TAXI INDUSTRY REQUEST FOR TAXICAB TARIFF (METER RATE) ADJUSTMENT

ACS2022-EPS-BYL-0001

CITY WIDE

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Community and Protective Services Committee recommend that Council approve:

- 1. a taxicab tariff (meter rate) increase of 10%, as detailed in Document 3, to take effect June 11, 2022, and;**
- 2. amendments to the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law (2016-272, as amended) to provide for commercial general liability insurance of not less than \$2,000,000.00 required for taxicab brokers, taxicab plate holders, limousine service licensees and private transportation companies, to take effect November 1, 2022, and to delegate the authority to the Director of By-law and Regulatory Services to prepare the necessary amending by-law to take effect upon enactment.**

The Committee received two written submissions from the following list of representatives, and copies are filed with the Office of the City Clerk:

- Sayed Abdul Latif Dadshani
- Tony Hajjar

The following delegates spoke before the Committee and provided comments on the report recommendations:

- Sayed Abdul Latif Dadshani
- Georges Jarawan
- Tony Hajjar
- Imad Hammoud
- Amrik Singh

The delegates were thanked for their comments and answered questions from the Committee.

Roger Chapman, Director, By-law & Regulatory Services, Christine Hartig, Program Manager, Operational Support and Regulatory Services, and Jennifer Therkelson, Program Manager, By-law Enforcement Service, were on hand to provide an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee.

Roger Chapman was thanked for their overview and received questions and comments on the report from Councillors D. Deans, R. Brockington, T. Kavanagh, T. Tierney, and E. El-Chantiry. The report recommendations were then put to Committee.

CARRIED, as amended by the following motion:

Motion No CPS 2022-26/5

Moved by Councillor E. El-Chantiry

WHEREAS the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law (2016-272, as amended) regulates taxicabs, limousines and Private Transportation Companies; and,

WHEREAS the by-law requires that any new or replacement taxicab vehicle entering the fleet must be a maximum of five (5) model years of age, where the model year of the vehicle is not included in the vehicle age calculation; and,

WHEREAS this provision has traditionally served to attempt to address potential vehicle deterioration associated with higher mileage and usage; and,

WHEREAS many taxicab vehicles have not been in full operation during 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic when taxicab services were in lower demand; and,

WHEREAS the taxicab industry reports that availability of newer vehicles suitable for use as taxicabs to serve residents and visitors is significantly limited, which is confirmed by staff based on the current market; and,

WHEREAS based on the foregoing, it is prudent and reasonable to consider increasing vehicle entry age restrictions to support the taxicab industry's ability to revitalize its place in the public transportation network; and,

WHEREAS staff will, in the coming year, be reviewing aspects of the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law specific to taxicabs with a view to addressing issues raised by the industry in this and other respects to result in a report to Council in early 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council delegate authority to the Chief License Inspector to permit standard and accessible taxi plate holders to license vehicles that are up to seven (7) model years of age, where the model year of the vehicle is not included in the vehicle age calculation, provided the vehicles meet the taxicab vehicle requirements of the Vehicle-for-Hire By-law (2016-272, as amended), and that such delegated authority be in place until March 31, 2023.

CARRIED on a division of 8 yeas and 0 nays, as follows:

YEAS (8): Councillors D. Deans, E. El-Chantiry, T. Kavanagh, C. Kitts, C. McKenney, C. A. Meehan, T. Tierney and Chair M. Luloff

NAYS (0): (none)