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Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

Committee of the Whole “Closed Meeting”

Approval of Agenda

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Disclosure of Potential Pecuniary Interest

Presentations

Delegations

1. Tammy Labelle, an Accessible Taxi Plateholder, will speak to the Committee regarding Accessible Taxis.
2. Mark Greenwood (Standing Delegate), Owner of Amey’s Taxi will be available to answer questions and offer comments.
3. Brian Campbell (Standing Delegate), Owner of Modern City Taxi will be available to answer questions and offer comments.

Briefings

1. Accessible Vehicles

Commissioner Dowser to provide a briefing to the discussions from the Standing Committee meeting 11-2022 regarding Accessible Vehicle considerations from concerns raised by the Taxi Industry. (See appendix A – Re: Accessible Taxicabs – Industry Proposal)

2. Enforcement Report

Commissioner Dowser to provide a briefing regarding enforcement activities with respecting to Taxi Stands (Parking), TNC’s, and “Pirate Cabs”.

Petitions

Motions of Congratulations, Recognition, Sympathy, Condolences and Speedy Recovery

Deferred Motions



Reports

Report Number 17: Received from the Standing Committee (Recommend)

Report Number 17

To all members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission:

The Standing Committee reports and recommends as follows:

All items listed on the Recommended Report shall be the subject of one motion. Any member may ask for any item(s) included in the Recommend Report to be separated from that motion, whereupon the Recommend Report without the separated item(s) shall be put and the separated item(s) shall be considered immediately thereafter.

That the Commission approve the following items:

1. **That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-016, be presented for first and second readings, to amend By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”.
2. **That** on consensus of the Commission and the Brokers, Mark Greenwood of Amey’s Taxi and Brian Campbell of Modern City Taxi, Motion 22-015 be recommended for third reading.

Information Reports

Information Reports from Commission Members

Miscellaneous Business

1. New Plate Disbursement

The Commission will report the number of New Taxi Plates remain and reminds all Plateholders of the September 30, 2022 deadline to have the New Taxi Plates attached and affixed to taxicabs. (Per Industry communication sent August 3, 2022.)

2. New Database – Portal Assignment and Self-Registration

The Commission will announce the launch of Phase 5 of the modernised database and Member Portals, including self-registration.



New Motions

1. That By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”, be amended.

Notices on Motions

Minutes

That the Minutes of Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Number 11-2022, held Wednesday, August 10, 2022 be confirmed.

(To be distributed to all members of the Commission on September 13, 2022)

Tabling Documents

2022-19 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-07-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

2022-20 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-08-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

2022-21 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-09-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

2022-22 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-10-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

2022-23 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-11-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)



2022-24 Kingston Area Taxi Commission General Meeting Number 10-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

2022-25 Kingston Area Taxi Commission General Meeting Number 11-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on September 12, 2022)

Communications

That Commission consent to the disbursement of Communications in the following manner:

File

2022-003 New Plate Notice to Industry Members outlining an agreed upon due date of September 30, 2022, for all Taxicabs to have the New Taxi Plates affixed to their vehicle.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on July 11, 2022)

Other Business

By-Laws

a) **That** By-Law (1) its first and second reading.

1. **That** By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”, be amended.

Adjournment



Appendix A – Briefing 22-006

To: Members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission
From: Joseph Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Taxi Commission
Resource Staff: Chloe Draeger – Licensing Agent
Date of Meeting: September 14, 2022
Subject: Accessible Taxicabs – Industry Proposal

Commission Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Briefing

Goal: See Above

History Summary:

During the General Meeting 10-2022 of the Taxi Commission, held Wednesday, July 13, 2022, delegations were presented by Accessible Plateholders and Brokers regarding Model Year Restrictions of Accessible Taxicabs and additional issues and financial concerns the Accessible Industry is facing. Delegates that made a presentation include: Wilfranc Sainval, an Accessible Taxi Plateholder; Tammy Labelle, an Accessible Taxi Plateholder; Najam Kodvav, of Kingston Accessible Transportation Inc. (Accessible Taxi Plateholder); Mark Greenwood, of Amey's Taxi; and Brian Campbell, of Modern City Taxi.

During that same meeting [10-2022], the Commission gave first reading to Motion 22-011 and Motion 22-012, being a "By-Law to Model Year Restriction" formally known as "Age of Vehicle". These Motions were carried during the Meeting of the Taxi Commission [11-2022], held Wednesday, August 10, 2022, and ultimately began the process of harmonisation between Regular Taxicabs and Accessible Taxicabs.

Additionally, Commissioner Fraser, Vice-Chair, requested that all Accessible Plateholders provide their trip logs to assist the Commission in making informed decisions as required by By-Law Number 3, section 5(e) and in accordance with By-Law Number 3, section 5(f). As of the date of this briefing, only one (1) Accessible Plateholder has submitted their trip log.

During the Standing Committee meeting 10-2022 held on Wednesday, August 24, 2022, Commissioner Dowser, Chair, presented two (2) Notices on Motions respecting key issues the Accessible Plateholders are facing specific to:

1. Accessible Taxicab Loan
2. Accessible Taxicab Subsidy Program



During the Standing Committee meeting 11-2022 held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, the Committee heard from Industry Delegations respecting the Notices on Motions presented in the Standing Committee meeting 10-2022. Delegates that made a presentation include: Wilfranc Sainval, an Accessible Taxi Plateholder; Tammy Labelle, an Accessible Taxi Plateholder; Mark Greenwood, of Amey's Taxi; and Brian Campbell, of Modern City Taxi.

During that same meeting [11-2022], Commissioner Dowser, Chair, moved Motion 22-015 being a "By-Law to Model Year Restriction of an Accessible Taxicab" as a part of "house-keeping" and further harmonisation between Regular Taxicabs and Accessible Taxicabs. This motion amends By-Law Number 3, section 14, to allow older model year vehicles to be registered initially as Accessible Taxicabs. This new initial model year is seven (7) years, versus the current three (3) year restriction.

Commissioner Dowser, Chair, opened the floor to all delegates from the industry to discuss Motion 22-015 whereas all Committee members and Industry representatives agreed to its contents and intended harmonisation goal.

Additionally, both Brokers and Accessible Plateholders suggested that they would provide an Accessible Proposal to the Standing Committee. This proposal was received on September 9, 2022 and is included verbatim below.

Proposal from Industry:

Received September 9, 2022
Proposal from Brokers and Accessible Plateholders
Re: Accessible Taxicabs

"On July 27, 2022, the following proposal was discussed and believed to be the most reasonable solution to the ongoing issues that the accessible taxis are facing.

1. The Accessible license for brokers and drivers should be free
2. The age of the Accessible vehicles need to be the same as the regular taxis
3. We need a \$30000.00 to \$40000.00 grant to pay for the initial vehicle
4. \$4800.00 forgivable grant to the owners yearly, to help with added costs to operate
5. Due to the fact that an access call take between 30 - 45 minutes to accomplish, we need the city of Kingston to subsidize \$10.00 per access call.

This program would cost less than \$130000.00 a year to implement.



If both companies make an average of 25 access calls a day, that's:

$25 \times \$10.00 \times 365 \text{ days} = \91250.00 for the year. When we add the \$4800.00 a year to the owners to help with operating cost, that's: $\$4800.00 \times 8 = \38400.00 , making it a grand total of \$129650.00 for the year.”

Commissioner Dowser's Proposed Action Plan

1. *The Accessible license for brokers and drivers should be free*

Response: With respect to accessible plateholders and accessible drivers, the Commission changed its fee structure in late 2021. The current fee to register a new accessible taxi plate is \$600, in line with the fee to register a standard taxi plate. There are no fees for renewing an accessible taxi plate. Prior to last year's reform, it was \$250 each year to renew an accessible taxi plate. These fees no longer apply. The current fee to register as a new accessible taxi driver is \$140. There are no fees for renewing an accessible taxi driver badge. Prior to last year's reform, it cost \$135 each year to renew an accessible taxi driver badge. These fees no longer apply. No pre-existing accessible taxi plateholders or drivers were charged a fee to renew their licenses for the years 2022 and 2023.

Conclusion: This part of the proposal is already in effect. No further action is being considered.

2. *The age of the Accessible vehicles need to be the same as the regular taxis*

Response: The Taxi Commission carried Motion 22-011 and Motion 22-012 during the General Meeting 11-2022, held Wednesday, August 10, 2022. These motions harmonised the Model Year Restrictions of both Regular Taxicabs and Accessible Taxicabs to a maximum of ten (10) years while also providing an extension program allowing for an additional two (2) years with limited conditions. Motion 22-015 that is to be presented to the Taxi Commission during meeting 12-2022 on Wednesday, September 14, 2022, provides older model year vehicles to be initially registered as Accessible Taxicabs to seven (7) years versus the current three (3) year restriction.

Conclusion: This part of the proposal is already being actively addressed.



3. We need a \$30000.00 to \$40000.00 grant to pay for the initial vehicle

Response: On June 23, 2022, based upon communications received from Wilfranc Sainval, Accessible Plateholder, Commissioner Dowser communicated via email with the Members of the Taxi Commission regarding the increase of the Accessible Loan from the current \$20K. It was proposed to and surveyed among the Commissioners to increase this loan to either \$30K or \$35K (Commissioner Dowser recommended \$35K as it represents the current costs to convert a vehicle into an Accessible Taxicab as detailed by most automobile dealerships).

Conclusion: Commissioner Dowser proposes a partially forgivable loan of \$35,000 for accessible taxicab plateholders. Those approved for such a loan would receive a lump sum of \$35K from the Commission and then commence repayments of \$250 per month for period of 70 months. In effect, this represents an interest-free loan of \$17,500 and a grant of \$17,500.

4. \$4800.00 forgivable grant to the owners yearly, to help with added costs to operate

Response: Commissioner Dowser's proposal (see above) includes a substantial grant component. The Commission has also provided direct support to the proprietors of accessible taxicabs by waiving all renewal fees for accessible plates and driver badges.

Conclusion: Further subsidisation will be considered at an appropriate future juncture.

5. Due to the fact that an access call take between 30 - 45 minutes to accomplish, we need the city of Kingston to subsidize \$10.00 per access call.

Response: The Commission is willing to consider per-call subsidies for accessible taxicabs. In order to proceed, proprietors of accessible taxicabs should render their call logs to the Commission, as requested.

Conclusion: Further action will be considered upon receipt of the requested accessible taxicab call logs.



Appendix B – Report 22-017

To: Members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission
From: Joseph Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Taxi Commission
Resource Staff: Standing Committee Members
Date of Meeting: September 14, 2022
Subject: Model Year Restriction - Accessible Taxicab

Commission Strategic Plan Alignment:

Theme: Administration

Goal: Harmonisation of Model Year Restrictions for Regular Taxicabs and Accessible Taxicabs

Motion Summary:

Whereas the Standing Committee heard concerns and input from the Taxi Industry during the 07-2022 Meeting held July 6, 2022 regarding Accessible Vehicles, and continues to receive input as of the date of this motion;

Whereas the Taxi Industry are currently recovering from the pandemic and severe economic loss;

Whereas inflation rates are at a 30-year high, owners of Accessible Taxicabs are not in a financial position to replace vehicles operating as set forth in By-Law Number 3;

Whereas the availability of newer model vehicles is limited, owners of Accessible Taxicabs are hard-pressed to locate and acquire newer model vehicles;

Whereas the lifespan of an Accessible Taxicab is significantly reduced to that of a regular Taxicab;

Whereas older model vehicles that can be used as Accessible Taxicabs are readily available at a considerable reduction in costs which in turn reduces the Operators burden of Capital Investment;

Whereas older model vehicles undergo the same safety standards used in the process of issuing a Motor Vehicle Safety Certificate, and;



Whereas respecting the harmonisation between Regular and Accessible Taxicabs, regular taxicabs are not subject to a “minimum” model year to be initially registered.

Whereas the Standing Committee has received an Accessible Proposal from the Brokers and Accessible Plateholders dated September 9, 2022, attached as Exhibit B to Report Number 22-017.

Recommendation:

- 1. That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-017, be presented for first and second readings, to amend By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”.
- 2. That** on consensus of the Commission and the Brokers, Mark Greenwood of Amey’s Taxi and Brian Campbell of Modern City Taxi, that Motion 22-015 be recommended for third reading.



Exhibit A to Report Number 22-017

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser
Seconded by: Commissioner Fraser

Therefore, it is hereby moved:

- 1. That By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”, be amended.**

(AMEND)

ACCESSIBLE MODEL YEAR RESTRICTIONS

By-Law Number 3, Section 14:

- (1) No Motor Vehicle more than three (3) Model Years old may be registered for the first time as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.
 - (a) Notwithstanding section 14(1), the Licensing Manager or Taxi Commission has the ability to extend the first time vehicle registration model year of an Accessible Taxicab to a maximum of seven (7) years.
- (2) No Motor Vehicle more than ten (10) Model Years old shall be used as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.
 - (1) Notwithstanding section 14(2), the Licence Manager or Taxi Commission has the ability to extend the ten (10) Model Years restriction for four (4) additional six (6) month periods if the following conditions are met;
 - (a) a valid Safety Standard Certificate is provided for the Motor Vehicle which has been issued by a garage which is independent to the Taxicab and Brokerage associated with the Taxicab within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years for the Motor Vehicle and within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the initial and subsequent six (6) month extension;
 - (b) the Motor Vehicle is submitted to the Licence Manager for an inspection and in the opinion of the Licence Manager, the Motor Vehicle is safe and free of any mechanical defects;



- (c) the Licensee has submitted the Extension Application and paid the Administrative Fee as set out in "Schedule F" of the By-law; and
- (d) the Licensee has met the requirements of (a) and (c) and has provided their Motor Vehicle for an inspection to the Licence Manager within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years and within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the initial six (6) month extension.

Exception

- (2) Owners of taxicabs model years 2008 through 2012 are eligible for extensions as set forth in 14(2), providing the Licensee has met all conditions as set forth in 14(2)(1) by no later than November 30, 2022.
- (3) Paragraph 14(2)(2) shall sunset from this By-Law Number 3 on December 31, 2023.

Exhibit B to Report Number 22-017

Received September 9, 2022
Proposal from Brokers and Accessible Plateholders
Re: Accessible Taxicabs

On July 27, 2022, the following proposal was discussed and believed to be the most reasonable solution to the ongoing issues that the accessible taxis are facing.

- 6. The Accessible license for brokers and drivers should be free
- 7. The age of the Accessible vehicles need to be the same as the regular taxis
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25 X \$10.00 X 365 days = \$91250.00 for the year. When we add the \$4800.00 a year to the owners to help with operating cost, that's: \$4800.00 X 8 = \$38400.00, making it a grand total of \$129650.00 for the year.



Appendix C – Motion 22-015

To: Members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission
From (Mover): Joseph R. Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Taxi Commission
Resource Staff: Standing Committee
Date of Meeting: September 7, 2022
Subject: Accessible Taxi Model Year Restrictions

Whereas the Standing Committee heard concerns and input from the Taxi Industry during the 07-2022 Meeting held July 6, 2022 regarding Accessible Vehicles, and continues to receive input as of the date of this motion;

Whereas the Taxi Industry are currently recovering from the pandemic and severe economic loss;

Whereas inflation rates are at a 30-year high, owners of Accessible Taxicabs are not in a financial position to replace vehicles operating as set forth in By-Law Number 3;

Whereas the availability of newer model vehicles is limited, owners of Accessible Taxicabs are hard-pressed to locate and acquire newer model vehicles;

Whereas the lifespan of an Accessible Taxicab is significantly reduced to that of a regular Taxicab;

Whereas older model vehicles that can be used as Accessible Taxicabs are readily available at a considerable reduction in costs which in turn reduces the Operators burden of Capital Investment;

Whereas older model vehicles undergo the same safety standards used in the process of issuing a Motor Vehicle Safety Certificate, and;

Whereas respecting the harmonisation between Regular and Accessible Taxicabs, regular taxicabs are not subject to a “minimum” model year to be initially registered.

By-Law Number 3, Section 14(1), states:

No Motor Vehicle more than three (3) Model Years old may be registered for the first time as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.



Therefore, it is hereby moved:

- 2. That By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”, be amended.**

(AMEND)

ACCESSIBLE MODEL YEAR RESTRICTIONS

By-Law Number 3, Section 14:

- (3) No Motor Vehicle more than three (3) Model Years old may be registered for the first time as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.
 - (b) Notwithstanding section 14(1), the Licensing Manager or Taxi Commission has the ability to extend the first time vehicle registration model year of an Accessible Taxicab to a maximum of seven (7) years.
- (4) No Motor Vehicle more than ten (10) Model Years old shall be used as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.
 - (1) Notwithstanding section 14(2), the Licence Manager or Taxi Commission has the ability to extend the ten (10) Model Years restriction for four (4) additional six (6) month periods if the following conditions are met;
 - (a) a valid Safety Standard Certificate is provided for the Motor Vehicle which has been issued by a garage which is independent to the Taxicab and Brokerage associated with the Taxicab within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years for the Motor Vehicle and within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the initial and subsequent six (6) month extension;
 - (b) the Motor Vehicle is submitted to the Licence Manager for an inspection and in the opinion of the Licence Manager, the Motor Vehicle is safe and free of any mechanical defects;
 - (c) the Licensee has submitted the Extension Application and paid the Administrative Fee as set out in “Schedule F” of the By-law; and
 - (d) the Licensee has met the requirements of (a) and (c) and has provided their Motor Vehicle for an inspection to the Licence Manager within thirty



(30) days of the expiration of the ten (10) Model Years and within thirty (30) days of the expiration of the initial six (6) month extension.

Exception

- (2) Owners of taxicabs model years 2008 through 2012 are eligible for extensions as set forth in 14(2), providing the Licensee has met all conditions as set forth in 14(2)(1) by no later than November 30, 2022.
- (3) Paragraph 14(2)(2) shall sunset from this By-Law Number 3 on December 31, 2023.