

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

- Date: November 8, 2023
- Time: 7:02 PM - 8:12 PM
- Location: Virtual
- Attendees:
 - Chairman Dowser
 - Commissioner Chaves
 - Commissioner Chapelle
 - Commissioner Budarick
 - Commissioner Fraser
 - Commissioner Abreu

Agenda Items:

1. Presentation on Loyalist Successful Transit Pass Program (LATP)
2. Briefing on Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee (MAAC) meeting
3. Motions of congratulations, recognition, sympathy, condolences and speedy recovery
4. Reports on taxicab stand definitions and rules
5. Miscellaneous business items
6. Bylaws

Discussion Points:

1. **LATP Presentation:**
 - The LATP is a pilot accessible taxi program for Amherstview residents with disabilities.
 - The service area, fares, and client booking process were reviewed.
 - Drivers have duties to provide excellent customer service and maintain trip logs.

- Clients apply for the program through the KATC or Loyalist Township websites.

2. MAAC Briefing:

- The Chair addressed concerns from the Accessible Committee regarding accessibility service, availability, and care/control.
- Discussed the need for cross-communication between KATC and MAAC on accessibility matters.

3. Motions:

- Condolences for the passing of Dave Pitt.
- Well wishes for speedy recovery of three taxi industry members.

4. Taxi Stand Rules:

- The Standing Committee recommended adopting taxi stand rules into Bylaw 2.
- Key changes include reducing the stand distance to 15 meters and removing contradictory sections.

5. Enforcement for Inspection Non-Compliance:

- Drivers (\$50 fine), lessees (\$100 fine), and plate holders (\$100 fine) who fail to comply with the inspection will be fined.
- Fines can be paid, or the vehicle inspected within 14 days to avoid suspension.
- Suspensions will remain until the fine is paid and the vehicle is inspected.

6. Miscellaneous Business:

- Requests for ribbon-cutting ceremonies to celebrate the KATC's new branding.
- Directives for staff to explore accessible transit pass and zero-emissions rebate programs.

Decisions Made:

1. Approved the LAMP presentation and program details.
2. Approved the motions of congratulations, recognition, sympathy, condolences and speedy recovery.

3. Approved the taxi stand rules to be incorporated into Bylaw 2.
4. Approved the enforcement process for non-compliance with the taxi inspection directive, including fines and suspensions.
5. Approved the miscellaneous business items.
6. Gave third readings to Bylaw 1 and Bylaw 2 (MAAC).

Action Items:

1. **Task:** Implement the enforcement process for taxi inspection non-compliance.
 - Person Responsible: KATC Staff
 - Deadline: Immediately
2. **Task:** Explore options for an accessible transit pass program in partnership with the City of Kingston.
 - Person Responsible: KATC Staff
 - Deadline: Q1 2024
3. **Task:** Explore options for a zero-emissions rebate program for the taxi industry.
 - Person Responsible: KATC Staff
 - Deadline: Q1 2024