



Kingston Area Tax Licensing Commission

Motion to Commission

Motion Number: 22-012

To: Members of the Kingston Area Tax Commission
From (Mover): Joseph R. Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Tax Commission
Resource Staff: Standing Committee
Date of Meeting: July 13, 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;

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(26), being a “By-Law to Accessible Equipment and its Uses”;

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

Whereas enforcement of By-Law Number 3(26) would greatly reduce the number of available taxicabs for public use, severely reducing the capacity of the Taxi Industry to meet the demand of public accessible transportation requirements, and;

Whereas enforcement of By-Law Number 3(26) would cause owners of Accessible Taxicabs severe economic burden and undue stress;

Whereas there are currently no clauses contained in By-Law Number 2 which provide extensions to the age of vehicles used as taxicabs.

By-Law Number 3, Section 26, states:

No license shall be renewed under this By-law in respect of an Accessible Taxi which is more than six (6) years old.

By-Law Number 3, Section 14, states:

The age of an Accessible Taxi vehicle shall be no more than 3 years old when implemented as an accessible taxi under this Bylaw.

Therefore, it is hereby moved:

1. That By-Law Number 3, section 26, being a “By-Law to Accessible Plates”, be repealed;



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2. That By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Equipment and its Uses”, 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, and;
- (2) No Motor Vehicle more than ten (10) Model Years old shall be used as an Accessible Taxicab under this By-law.