



## **Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting 05-2022**

### **Special Meeting**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 7:00pm

in virtual electronic format hosted on Zoom and Facebook LIVE.

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**Call Meeting to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Committee of the Whole “Closed Meeting”**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Approval of Additions**

**Disclosure of Potential Pecuniary Interest**

**Presentations**

**Delegations**

1. Justin Gracie, Placeholder, will be present to speak to the Commission regarding Schedule “A” - Tariff.
2. Mark Greenwood, of Amey’s Taxi, will be present to speak to the Commission regarding Schedule “A” - Tariff.
3. Steven Marskell, of Modern City Taxi, will be present to speak to the Commission regarding Schedule “A” - Tariff.

**Briefings**

**Petitions**

Petition received from Justin Gracie, Placeholder, titled “Inflation is at a 30 year high, this petition is to communicate that it is time for a significant rate increase in the Taxi industry in the Kingston”, containing 97 signatures from Industry Members.

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

**Deferred Motions**

## **Reports**

Report Number 07: Received from the Standing Committee (Recommend)

Report Number 07

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. Tariff Schedule “A” - Amend**

**That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007, be presented to the Commission, for all three readings, to amend By-Law Number 2, Schedule “A”, being a “By-Law to Tariff”.

### **2. Tariff Schedule “A” - Adopt**

**That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007, be presented to the Commission, for all three readings, to adopt By-Law Number 2, Schedule “A”, Section 3, Subsections (8), (8)(a), (8)(b), (9), and; Section 8, Subsection (1), being a “By-Law to Tariff”.

### **3. Review of Schedules - Adopt**

**That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007, be presented to the Commission, for all three readings, to adopt By-Law Number 2, Section 34.1, and Subsections (a) and (b), being a “By-Law to Review of Schedules”.

## **Information Reports from Commission Members**

### **Miscellaneous Business**

### **New Motions**

### **Notices on Motions**

### **Minutes**

**That** the Minutes of Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Number 04-2022, held Wednesday, March 9, 2022 be confirmed.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on March 21, 2022)

### **Tabling Documents**

2022-06 Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-03-2022 Agenda. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm in a virtual electronic format.

(Distributed to all members of the Commission on March 21, 2022)

### **Communications**

05-01 Correspondence received from Justin Gracie, Placeholder, on March 2, 2022 via email.

05-02 Correspondence received from Mark Greenwood, owner of Amey's Taxi, on March 2, 2022 via email.

05-03 Correspondence received from Art Prieur, Placeholder, on March 3, 2022 via Facebook.

05-04 Correspondence received from Kevin Holland, Placeholder, on March 9, 2022 via Facebook.

05-05 Correspondence received from Fouad Gharib, Placeholder, on March 11, 2022 via email.

05-06 Correspondence received from Robert Webster, Placeholder, on March 16, 2022 via email.

05-07 Correspondence received from Mark Greenwood, owner of Amey's Taxi, on March 16, 2022 via email.



05-08 Correspondence received from Al H, Public Citizen, on March 20, 2022 via email.

05-09 Correspondence received from Mark Greenwood, owner of Amey's Taxi, on March 22, 2022 via email.

05-10 Correspondence received from Joe Peterson, Taxi Driver, on March 22, 2022 via the Community Contact Centre.

05-11 Correspondence received from Kevin Hart, Placeholder, on March 22, 2022 via the Community Contact Centre.

05-12 Correspondence (Petition) received from Justin Gracie, Placeholder, on March 16, 2022 via email.

## **Other Business**

### **By-Laws**

- a) That By-Law (1) through (3) be given its first and second reading.
- b) That Clause 3.28 of By-Law Number 1 be declared for the purpose of giving By-Law (1) through (3) three readings.
- c) That By-Law (1) through (3) be given its third reading.
- 1) A By-Law to Amend By-Law Number 2, Schedule "A" - Tariff, Section 2, being "A By-Law to Tariff".

Three Readings

Proposed Number 22-006

**(Clause 1, Report Number 07)**

- 2) A By-Law to Adopt By-Law Number 2, Schedule "A" - Tariff, Section 3, Subsections (8), (8)(a), (8)(b), (9), and; Section 8, Subsection (1), being a "By-Law to Tariff".

Three Readings

Proposed Number 22-006

**(Clause 2, Report Number 07)**

- 3) A By-Law to Adopt By-Law Number 2, Schedule A, Section 34.1, and Subsections (a) and (b), being a "By-Law to Review of Schedules".

Three Readings

Proposed Number 22-006

**(Clause 3, Report Number 07)**

## **Adjournment**



**Standing Committee**  
**Report to Kingston Area Taxi Licensing Commission**  
**Report Number: 22-007**

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To: Members of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission  
From: Joseph R. Dowser, Chair, Kingston Area Taxi Commission  
Resource Staff: NA  
Date of Meeting: March 23, 2022  
Subject: Tariff - Schedule "A"

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**Commission Strategic Plan Alignment:**

Theme: Oversight Administration

Goal: See above

**Executive Summary:**

With taxi operators experiencing increases in operating costs including the recent increase in fuel costs, it is necessary to amend the current By-Law Number 2 - Schedule "A" - Tariff.

An increase to the fare and rates is required to address these cost increases.

Through discussions with and correspondence from Taxicab Owners and Operators, the Standing Committee has concluded that the Taxi Industry [and Operators] support a Rate increase.

Recent public surveys indicate that the Public is in support of a Drop Rate increase.

The Standing Committee heard delegations from the industry during the Standing Committee meeting 03-2022 held on March 16, 2022.

The Commission created a telephone "hotline" for ease of access, where Industry Members and Public Citizens could provide input via a voice message where such individuals may not be familiar or comfortable with technology, may not have an email address, or have preference for verbal communication.

Additional considerations were given to vulnerable individuals, caregivers, and senior citizens.

**Recommendation:**

**That** the amended Notice on Motion, attached as Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007, be presented to the Commission, for all three readings, to amend By-Law Number 2, Schedule "A", being a By-Law to "Tariff" Amount **and** to adopt By-Law Number 2, Section 34.1, being a By-Law to "Review of Schedules".



**Standing Committee**  
**Report to Kingston Area Taxi Licensing Commission**  
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**Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007**

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner Aziz

**It is hereby moved that:**

Pursuant to By-Law Number 2, Schedule "A" - Tariff

Section 2. Distance traveled, number of passengers, and waiting time:

- (1) For the first 135 meters or part thereof \$4.25
- (2) For each additional 135 meters or part thereof \$0.25
- (3) For each additional passenger in excess of one (charge does not apply when specific request for passengers) \$0.50
- \*\* There shall be no charge for children under twelve (12) years of age in charge of an adult.
- (4) For waiting while under engagement for each twenty-five (25) seconds \$0.25

Section 3. Baggage

- (7) Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried \$6.35 (minimum charge)

Section 4. Specific request for vans for passengers (no fee for additional passengers in excess of one) \$2.50

**By-Law Number 2, Schedule "A" - Tariff, be amended as follows:**

Section 2. Distance traveled, number of passengers, and waiting time:

- (1) For the first 135 meters or part thereof \$4.50  
(As of June 1, 2022, \$0.25 directly to Taxicab vehicle owner)
- (2) For each additional 135 meters or part thereof \$0.35
- (3) For each additional passenger in excess of one (charge does not apply when specific request for passengers) \$0.50
- \*\* Additional passenger surcharge does not apply to children twelve (12) years of age or younger when in the company of an adult or to Personal Care Attendants for Disabled Passenger(s).



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**Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007 (Continued)**

- (4) For waiting while under engagement for each twenty-five (25) seconds \$0.35

**Section 3. Baggage**

- (7) Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried \$8.25 (minimum charge)

**Section 4. Specific request for vans for passengers (no fee for additional passengers in excess of one) \$4.00**

**By-Law Number 2, Schedule “A” - Tariff, adopt the following:**

**Section 3. Baggage**

- (8) Parcels bigger than three cubic feet (.085 cubic meters) or over 60 lbs (27 kg) in weight are not covered by this tariff rate and any additional charges for these items should be agreed upon prior to the start of the trip.
- (a) Pursuant to clause 2(8), Parcels or Items in excess that are deemed by the Taxi Operator in their sole discretion to be part of “moving in to or out of” a residence or commercial property are not covered by this tariff rate and any additional charges for these items should be agreed upon prior to the start of the trip.
- (9) Senior Citizens producing a valid Senior Citizens Privilege Card will be exempt from additional charges for oversized items as set out in Section 3(6).

**Section 8. Cancellation Fee**

- (1) A cancellation fee of \$3.00 is payable to the driver if the driver reaches the pickup location before the customer has cancelled their Trip through the dispatcher.

**It is hereby further moved that By-Law Number 2, adopt the following under the heading “Review of Schedules” the appended clause(s):**

**Review of Schedules**

**Section 34.1**

- (a) Schedule “A” of this By-Law, Tariff, will be reviewed each year prior to March 31.



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**Exhibit A to Report Number 22-007 (Continued)**

- (b) In addition to the regular reviews set out in subsection (a) of this section, an additional review will be conducted whenever there is a 15% or greater increase or greater than 90 days in any of the factors measured in the Tariff Review.



**KINGSTON AREA TAXI COMMISSION  
BY-LAW NUMBER 2**

**SCHEDULE A  
TAXICAB FARE AND RATES  
(Amended by By-Law 22-006)**

The rates or fares to be charged by the Brokers, Plateholders, and Drivers of Taxicabs from a point within the Area of the Commission to any point within the Area of the Commission or from a point within the Area of the Commission to a point within five (5) kilometres beyond the Area of the Commission shall be calculated as follows, inclusive of Harmonized Sales Tax.

1. If the Taximeter is not on, the ride is FREE.

2. Distance travelled, number of passengers, and waiting time:

(1) For the first 135 metres or part thereof \$4.50

(As of June 1, 2022, \$0.25 directly to Taxicab vehicle owner)

(2) For each additional 135 metres or part thereof \$0.50

(3) For each additional passenger in excess of one \$0.35

(Charge does not apply when specific request for van for passengers)

***\*additional passenger surcharge does not apply to children twelve (12) years of age or younger when in the company of an adult or to Personal Care Attendants for Disabled Passenger(s).***

(4) For waiting while under engagement for each twenty-five (25) seconds \$0.35

3. Baggage:

(1) For use of trunk or storage area \$0.50

(2) Briefcases and parcels of comparable size NO CHARGE

(If loaded or unloaded by passenger)

(3) Manual wheelchairs, including loading and unloading by Driver NO CHARGE

(4) Service Dogs accompanying Special Needs Individuals NO CHARGE

(5) Walkers used for medical reasons NO CHARGE

(6) Large Items (e.g. bicycles, skis, etc.) SEE BELOW

At the discretion of the Driver, to be agreed upon between the Driver and Passenger(s) before commencement of the trip, but no less than \$2.00

(7) Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried \$8.25 (minimum)

(8) Parcels bigger than three cubic feet (.085 cubic meters) or over 60 lbs (27 kg) in weight are not covered by this tariff rate and any additional charges for these items should be agreed upon prior to the start of the trip.

(a) Pursuant to clause 2(8), Parcels or Items in excess that are deemed by the Taxi Operator in their sole discretion to be part of "moving in to or out of" a residence or commercial property are not covered by this tariff rate and any additional charges for these items should be agreed upon prior to the start of the trip.

(9) Senior Citizens producing a valid Senior Citizens Privilege Card will be exempt from additional charges for oversized items as set out in Section 3(6)

4. Specific requests for vans for passengers \$2.50

(no fee for additional passengers in excess of one)

5. The Driver of a Taxicab shall pre-arrange the fare with the customer prior to commencement of the trip for flat rate trips which originate within the Area of the Commission and end more than five (5) kilometres beyond the Area of the Commission.

6. Hourly Rental - Repealed February 2021

7. Cleaning Fee

(1) Extensive cleaning charge (inclusive of all labour and applicable taxes), which may be charge in the event of unusual sanitary accidents caused by a passenger \$80.50

***\*the extensive cleaning charge must be shown on the printed receipt from the Taximeter.***

8. Cancellation Fee

(1) A cancellation fee of \$3.00 is payable to the driver if the driver reaches the pickup location before the customer has cancelled their Trip through the dispatcher

## Joseph Dowser

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**From:** Justin Gracie [mailto:justin.gracie@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** March 2, 2022 10:48 AM  
**To:** jdowser@katc.ca  
**Subject:** Joe! We raise the rates!

Hi my name is Justin Gracie, i am a taxi cab owner with amey's taxi the rate of inflation is killing my business especially the gasoline prices its currently 161.9 and expected to increase 10 to 15 cents this week. This hurts a lot and could be financially unsustainable. We are in desperate need of a significant rate increase please! I am even willing to make a petition to prove this what all the owners want!

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# Amey's Greenwood Taxi Limited

795 Division Street  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7K 4C2

Phone: (613) 546-1111  
Admin: (613) 549-4444  
Fax: (613) 546-0424

December 20, 2021

Dear Owners,

We need a rate increase as you are all aware, due to increases in parts, labour, insurance and gas. I have talked to the commission and they appear to be on board of possibly doing an increase in January or February. With any increase there comes a reduction in the volume of calls, therefor we must be cautious not to raise the fares too much at one time. Though due to the increase of our costs, an increase is needed and justified. Attached you will find the present tariff sheet, and a proposed increase of \$0.30 for both time and distance. I am looking for feed back from the owners, if you think this is too much or not enough. Remembering raising fares too much at one time will hurt our volume of calls. Please review and email me your comments.

Best Regards,

Mark Greenwood, B.A Hon.  
President/Owner  
Amey's Greenwood Taxi Ltd.

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December 30, 2021

Dear Commissioners,

I sent this letter to all the brokers at Amey's Taxi on December 20<sup>th</sup> and for the most part they are in favour of this rate increase, with a few wanting a greater increase. This increase is needed due to our real increase in cost and hopefully allows us to attract more drivers. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Best Regards,

Mark Greenwood, B.A Hon.  
President/Owner  
Amey's Greenwood Taxi Ltd.

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Fax: (613) 546-0424

March 1, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Fare Increase

As everyone I am sure realizes, there has been rampant inflation around the world, especially in the price of gas. It is the highest inflation has been in 40 years. You can see this inflation in the prices at the grocery store, restaurants, gas pumps and everywhere. Our drivers and owners also feel these effects, but unlike most businesses, these increased costs cannot be immediately passed on to the consumer. We have received notice from all our suppliers' justifying increases to their products or services due to the legitimate inflationary pressure they feel. The taxi industry has had to absorb these costs for months, this cannot continue.

Our second most expensive cost is gas, which has increased dramatically in the last year and due to the tragic events happening in Ukraine, they expect this to get much worse.

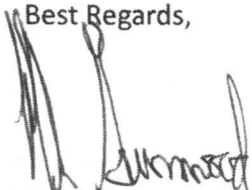
This being said, this industry, in order to keep it healthy and serving our beautiful city, needs a rate hike. This, we believe should be the number one priority presently. I sent a letter in

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December asking for an increase and a proposed rate hike. This would help cover our increasing cost and to increase driver income, in order to not only attract more drivers, but also help our present drivers deal with the real cost of living. We have not had an increase in approximately seven years I think and this one is needed, and more than justified. Unlike just about all industries and service providers, we can not automatically pass them on to the customers. The industry does not live in a bubble and is affected by real events we see on the news every night. Your quick action on this would be much appreciated.

Best Regards,



Mark Greenwood, B.A Hon.  
President/Owner  
Amey's Greenwood Taxi Ltd.

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**KINGSTON AREA TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**  
**1201 Division Street, Unit 12, Kingston ON K7K 6X4**



**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2**  
**TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**



**TARIFF**

For the first 135 metres or part thereof (\$0.10 administration fee paid to Commission)	<b>\$4.25</b>
For each additional 135 metres or part thereof	<b>\$0.25</b>
For each additional passenger in excess of one (charge does not apply when specific request for van for passengers)	<b>\$0.50</b>
There shall be no charge for children under twelve (12) years of age in the charge of an adult	
For waiting time while under engagement for each twenty-five (25) seconds	<b>\$0.25</b>
For use of trunk or storage area	<b>\$0.50</b>
Briefcases and parcels of comparable size - if loaded or unloaded by passenger	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Manual wheelchairs, including loading and unloading by driver	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
"Service" dogs accompanying special needs people	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Walkers used for medical reasons	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Large items (e.g. bicycles, skis, etc.) At the discretion of the Driver, to be agreed upon between the Driver and passenger(s) before commencement of the trip, but no less than	<b>\$2.00</b>
Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried, no less than	<b>\$6.35</b> <b>(minimum charge)</b>
Specific request for vans for passengers (no fee for additional passengers in excess of one) <b>VAN REQUEST FEE DOES NOT APPLY FOR ACCESSIBLE VAN CALLS</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>
The Driver of a Taxicab shall pre-arrange the fare with the customer prior to commencement of the trip for flat rate trips, which originate within the Area of the Commission and end more than five (5) kilometres beyond the Area of the Commission	
Extensive clean up charge (Taximeter printed receipt has to be issued)	<b>\$ 80.50</b>

*(HST included)*

**NO SMOKING IN TAXICAB; AS PER SMOKE FREE ONTARIO ACT 2017**

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**KINGSTON AREA TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**  
**1201 Division Street, Unit 12, Kingston ON K7K 6X4**



**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2**  
**TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**



**TARIFF**

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Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried, no less than	<b>\$6.35</b> <b>(minimum charge)</b>
Specific request for vans for passengers (no fee for additional passengers in excess of one) <b>VAN REQUEST FEE DOES NOT APPLY FOR ACCESSIBLE VAN CALLS</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>
The Driver of a Taxicab shall pre-arrange the fare with the customer prior to commencement of the trip for flat rate trips, which originate within the Area of the Commission and end more than five (5) kilometres beyond the Area of the Commission	
Extensive clean up charge (Taximeter printed receipt has to be issued)	<b>\$100.00</b>

*(HST included)*

**NO SMOKING IN TAXICAB; AS PER SMOKE FREE ONTARIO ACT 2017**

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**Joseph Dowser**

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**From:** Fouad Gharib [fouadgharib@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** March 11, 2022 9:46 AM  
**To:** jdowser@katc.ca  
**Subject:** Taxi meter raise request

Dear sir,

We have never needed to raise the taximeter more than we do now. I'm sure you're aware of the very steep rise in gasoline price, which is reflected in the increasing prices of all other commodities. With every day, taxi drivers are incurring losses and time is of the essence. Acting sooner rather than later will help prevent the accumulation of losses caused by this significant rise in gasoline prices.

We are an industry that works in services and transportation. We use gasoline on a daily basis in order to be able to operate, but this substance has doubled in just one month, so we pay the price difference from our own pockets. This is not suitable for our current situation in the absence of fair income due to COVID-19, and we can no longer continue in this way if you do not take an immediate and urgent decision to raise the taxi meter rate to the extent that it helps us avoid an economic crisis that we are not ready to bear.

We have noticed the decrease in the number of drivers in the previous period, especially at night. This is due to drivers moving to other jobs because the income for drivers has decreased dramatically, makes it no longer enough to catch up with the high prices of services and goods in the market. Thus, we see this industry declining and causing inconvenience for passengers who must wait for the taxi service for a long time due to the shortage of drivers as a result of your policy (i.e., slow raising the taximeter).

Every fair and sane person believes that it is natural considering these stifling conditions that we are all facing. It is time for you to take the serious and vital decision to compensate drivers by raising the taxi meter, and I think that this is the right and natural decision in these exceptional circumstances.

Fouad Gharib,

Taxi driver/lessee with Amey's Greenwood taxi ltd

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Joseph Dowser

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**From:** Robert webster [websterrobert@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 1:57 PM  
**To:** committee@katc.ca  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] SPAM [REDACTED] Rate increase

Writing you in regards to the proposed rate increase of \$.10 on each click of the meter I am a plate holder and driver for last 20 years with Ameys. I realize we do need a raise in the rate but I think this is to much at once. Example my last customers going from Kingston shopping center to KGH fare of \$13 would now be \$16.75 with this increase its a huge jump for a older couple on a fixed income or our working class people that take us everyday making minimum wage or just above. I will loss a lot of business and I will forward the customers complaints to you.

The public could stand a \$.05 increase for every click of the meter and maybe in a year or so look at it again. I don't think you want people deciding to drive home from the downtown to the west end after drinking because the taxi fare of \$22 increased to \$27.50 Subtract the drop rate and that meter will change 71 times for \$.25 now increase it to \$.35.

Not everyone taking taxis in Kingston have a big government pension or rich parents living in Toronto and can afford that kind of increase.

I don't like having to work a extra hour each day to make up the gas increase but if we put it all on our customers with a rate increase we won't have any.

Thanks

Bob Webster

[REDACTED] 613-453-4911

[REDACTED] websterrobert@hotmail.com

Ameys Taxi

Sent from my iPhone

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## Joseph Dowser

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**From:** Ameys Taxi [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** March 16, 2022 9:44 AM  
**To:** Joseph Dowser  
**Subject:** Re: Standing Committee - Agenda 03-2022 - March 16, 2022 at 7:00pm

Dear Commissioner Dowser,

Is it possible to get notice of these meetings earlier, to give us proper time to prepare. If you know what time the next meeting is now, if we could have this information that would be very helpful. Regarding your amendment to the tariff clause, from first glance, I believe it is acceptable and will help us greatly, but would add the time \$0.35 and van request to \$4.00. In addition, we may take a further look at Section 3: Baggage wording to include moving, as during the end of the school year we do a lot of moving jobs at Queen's and St. Lawrence. Thanks for your consideration.

Best Regards,

Mark Greenwood, B.A Hon.  
President/Owner  
Amey's Greenwood Taxi Ltd.  
(613) 549-4444  
\*\*\*Kingston - A World Heritage Destination\*\*\*

On Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 1:04 PM Joseph Dowser <[jdowser@katc.ca](mailto:jdowser@katc.ca)> wrote:

Hello,

Please find attached Agenda (03-2022) for the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Standing Committee starting at 7:00pm.

Delegation requests can be made by visiting [www.katc.ca](http://www.katc.ca) and completing the request form.

Thank you,



**Joseph R. Dowser**

Chairman  
Kingston Area Taxi  
Licensing Commission  
Phone: 613-547-3763  
[REDACTED]  
Email: [jdowser@katc.ca](mailto:jdowser@katc.ca)  
12-1201 Division Street

Kingston, ON K7K 6X4

**Joseph Dowser**

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**From:** Al H [REDACTED]@hotmail.com  
**Sent:** March 20, 2022 4:23 PM  
**To:** jdowser@kadc.ca  
**Subject:** Taxi fare increase

Hello,  
I have been taking taxi's in Kingston regularly and recently I have heard that there may be a rate increase or fuel surcharge added to the taxi rate.  
I understand that the price of gas has gone up in the past month or so but is now coming back down. I know the price of everything is going up but sometimes the prices of items go down too.  
In spring of 2020 the price of gas went down to about \$0.85 a liter from \$1.40 or more. I don't recall the taxi drivers giving back a refund to the customers to reduce the rate for the ride.  
Many of the taxi cars are now electric too so they don't use as much gas.  
Are taxi rates just going to keep increasing or if the gas price goes down will the rate go back down.

Thank you.

Al Harper.  
Kingston.

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# Amey's Greenwood Taxi Limited

795 Division Street  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7K 4C2

Phone: (613) 546-1111  
Admin: (613) 549-4444  
Fax: (613) 546-0424

March 22, 2022

Dear Commissioners,

Re: Tariff Increase

After discussing a tariff raise with most of the brokers and a sampling of drivers, the majority believe at this time, a \$0.35 for milage and time is too much, especially all at once. This would hurt us by reducing the volume of calls we receive. Thus, defeating the purpose of the new tariff raise.

Most believe an increase of \$0.30 on milage and \$0.30 on time will be beneficial and would not have a drastic effect on volume. Though the suggested raise is needed, it will be counter productive as we need to keep competitive pricing with rideshares, and it would, as many believe, effect the volume of calls received. Everyone is dealing with the highest inflation in forty years. People have to make choices, like only having steak once a week or going to a restaurant once a month rather than twice a month, or only taking a taxi once a week, rather than twice a week. We have to be cautious of this. We should review the rate again this September and every September annually, as this is the best time to raise rates. If necessary, before going into our busier winter months.

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Another great idea suggested by many, is keeping the \$0.25 intervals. This greatly reduces the variety of change needed and the hassle to both customer and drivers. This is done by reducing the hundred and thirty-five metres so it equals the increase eliminating the need for carrying or dealing with dimes and nickels.

I have enclosed an updated tariff card which is supported by a majority at Amey's Taxi and I believe would be supported by the public also, at this time.

In conclusion, the raise in tariff rates is desperately needed. Due to our increase in cost, especially gas. We feel too high of a rate change all at once would not only hurt the industry but the public as well. I have included a chart with a sample of the current rate. The \$0.30 rate and the \$0.35 rate in order for you to clearly see the results of your decision and the effect on the price of fares.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,



Mark Greenwood, B.A Hon.  
President/Owner  
Amey's Greenwood Taxi Ltd.

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## Examples

Street Addresses	Original Fare	\$0.30 per 135m with \$4.50 Drop	Difference	\$0.35 per 135m with \$4.50 Drop	Difference
Downtown (3 Princess Street) to Rideau Heights (49 Wilfred Crescent)	\$ 12.75	\$ 14.93	\$ 2.18	\$ 16.85	\$ 4.10
Downtown (3 Princess Street) to Cat Centre (945 Gardiners Road)	\$ 21.00	\$ 25.25	\$ 4.25	\$ 29.25	\$ 8.25
Portsmouth Village (623 King Street W) to Strathcona Park (222 McMahon Avenue)	\$ 12.00	\$ 16.62	\$ 4.62	\$ 20.99	\$ 8.99
KGH (23 King Street W) to Calvin Park (64 Michael Grass Crescent)	\$ 12.25	\$ 14.32	\$ 2.07	\$ 16.13	\$ 3.88
Victoria Hall (75 Bader Lane) to VIA (1800 John Counter Blvd)	\$ 16.00	\$ 18.99	\$ 2.99	\$ 21.73	\$ 5.73

**\*\*Please Note: These estimates do not include time, so fare will be more\*\***

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**KINGSTON AREA TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**  
**1201 Division Street, Unit 12, Kingston ON K7K 6X4**



**SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2**  
**TAXI LICENSING COMMISSION**



**TARIFF**

For the first 135 metres or part thereof	<b>\$4.25</b>
For each additional 135 metres or part thereof	<b>\$0.30</b>
For each additional passenger in excess of one (charge does not apply when specific request for van for passengers)	<b>\$0.50</b>
There shall be no charge for children under twelve (12) years of age in the charge of an adult	
For waiting time while under engagement for each twenty-five (25) seconds	<b>\$0.30</b>
For use of trunk or storage area	<b>\$0.50</b>
Briefcases and parcels of comparable size - if loaded or unloaded by passenger	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Manual wheelchairs, including loading and unloading by driver	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
"Service" dogs accompanying special needs people	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Walkers used for medical reasons	<b>NO CHARGE</b>
Large items (e.g. bicycles, skis, etc.) At the discretion of the Driver, to be agreed upon between the Driver and passenger(s) before commencement of the trip, but no less than	<b>\$2.50</b>
Delivery of any parcel or document where no passenger is carried, no less than	<b>\$6.35</b> <b>(minimum charge)</b>
Specific request for vans for passengers (no fee for additional passengers in excess of one) <b>VAN REQUEST FEE DOES NOT APPLY FOR ACCESSIBLE VAN CALLS</b>	<b>\$3.50</b>
The Driver of a Taxicab shall pre-arrange the fare with the customer prior to commencement of the trip for flat rate trips, which originate within the Area of the Commission and end more than five (5) kilometres beyond the Area of the Commission	
Extensive clean up charge (Taximeter printed receipt has to be issued)	<b>\$100.00</b>

*(HST included)*

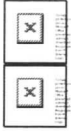
**NO SMOKING IN TAXICAB; AS PER SMOKE FREE ONTARIO ACT 2017**

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**From:** RingCentral [redacted]  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 2:49 PM  
**To:** Contact Centre  
**Subject:** New Voice message from KINGSTON ON +1 (613) 5724663 on 22/03/2022 2:48 PM



Voice Message

Dear Contact Centre,

You have a new voice message:

**From:** KINGSTON ON +1 (613) 5724663  
**Received:** 22 March 2022 at 2:48 PM  
**Length:** 02:18  
**To:** +1 (343) 2901203 Contact Centre

**Voicemail preview:** (partial)

" Hey, Joe, my name is Kevin Hart. I have actually my number is 40601 that's my opinion, I'm here in fares first \$0.25 increase in the flat rate. It's gonna do all operate anybody average person probably only does 20 25 calls in a day, that's it forward by dollars might might be concerned as increasing my time and if it's anyway possible could you leave the time and the distance in \$0.25 increment just so we don't have to call around with times and Nicole's likely used to so what I'm saying is right now their senses \$0.25. ..."

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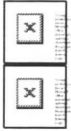
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**From:** RingCentral [notify@ringcentral.com](mailto:notify@ringcentral.com)  
**Sent:** March 22, 2022 6:25 PM  
**To:** Contact Centre  
**Subject:** New Voice message from PERTH [ON +1 \(343\) 4028494](#) on 22/03/2022 6:24 PM



Voice Message

Dear Contact Centre,

You have a new voice message:

**From:** PERTH ON +1 (343) 4028494  
**Received:** 22 March 2022 at 6:24 PM  
**Length:** 00:47  
**To:** +1 (343) 2901203 Contact Centre

**Voicemail preview:**

" Hello, this is Joe Petersen calling. I am attacked driver. My badge number is 3096. I am calling to ask for Sarah increases able to even need the minimum wage requirements as well as the as well as the prices for groceries and the Castor Lavin has has gone up. I would I would really like to see at least a little bit of an increase in serious very much."  
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**From:** Steven Marskell [kingofcabs59@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 1:57 PM  
**To:** Joseph Dowser  
**Subject:** Re: Delegation Request - Taxi Commission [05-2022] Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Issues with rate increase:

No testing this time of rate changes as They were done under previous administration's

Told one person the change in distance was 35 cents for 135 metres from 25 cents or a 40 percent change. Response: you'd be chasing customers to Uber

The price of oil has stabilized somewhat and gas has fallen back to \$1.70. A temporary fuel surcharge is a better response to gas prices that will fall as soon as the Ukraine war is over.

Suggestion:. Gas at \$1.70 fuel surcharge 50 cents  
Gas at \$1.90 Surcharge \$1  
Gas at \$2.10 Surcharge \$1.50

To remain Uber competitive eliminate extra passenger surcharge.

Charge for arrival cancellation should be same as Uber 's at \$5 and stipulated that it can be charged prior to dispatch of vehicle, within old city limits, \$10 for within old urban parts of former townships, and full flat rate for out of town trips.

Other issues that need addressing:

Dormant plates how long can they be held off the road as we are fully open now?

Why do accessible vehicles need to be 3 years old or less? Do accessible needs members of the community require a better newer vehicle than unchallenged individuals?

Most members of the taxi industry are unhappy with this delegation style of meeting, the continued use of zoom with no hybrid option, and the 3 readings in one go means changes are done too quickly. As well, the disregard of bylaws as written is also troubling, in regards to dormant plates and the selling of plates Willy nilly.

Steve Marskell, managing partner of Modern City Taxi.

Sent via [BlackBerry Hub+ Inbox for Android](#)

**From:** jdowser@katc.ca  
**Sent:** March 23, 2022 12:45 p.m.  
**To:** kingofcabs59@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Delegation Request - Taxi Commission [05-2022] Wednesday, March 23, 2022

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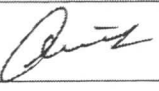
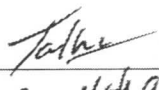
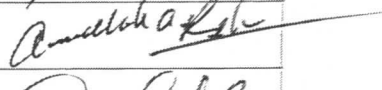
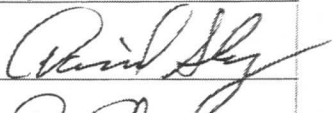

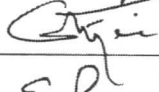
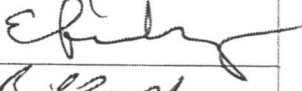
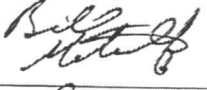
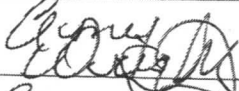

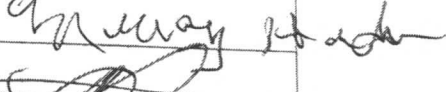

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Name	date	company	driver/owner	signature
N. M. S. S. P.	MARCH 8, 22	CITY TAXI	owner	N. M. S. S. P.
Rayak P. S. S. P.	March 8, 22	Amey's Taxi	owner	R. P. S. S. P.
Robert Carlson	Mar 9 22	Amey's	driver	Robert Carlson
G. C. O. R. K. E. Y.	MAR 9	AMEY'S	owner	G. C. O. R. K. E. Y.
J. H. E. L. S. P. O.	Mar 9	Amey	owner	J. H. E. L. S. P. O.
Varinder Singh	March 9.	Amey's	Driver	Varinder Singh
John Hatfield	03/09/22	Amey's	Driver	John Hatfield
JOHN GURNEY	03/09/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	John Gurney
B. R. R. T. W. H. Y.	03/09/22	Amey's	Driver	B. R. R. T. W. H. Y.
Rusty Ross	03/09/22	Amey's	Driver	Rusty Ross
Andy Punt	March 9	Amey	Driver	Andy Punt
Mohamed	March 9	Modern	Driver	Mohamed
Shanna B.	March 9/22	Modern City	Driver	Shanna B.
DARCY WOLFE	Mar 9/22	MODERN City	Driver	Darcy Wolfe
MOSES M. W. S. Y.	Mar 9/22	Amey's	O/D	Moses M. W. S. Y.

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Gautam Bhatda	Mar 7 2022	Amey's	Nagam	
Michael Fallis	Mar 7 2022	Amey's	Nagam	
ANNAS Bhatda	Mar 8/2022	Amey's	Muhammed	
Anas Bhatda	Mar 8/2022	Amey's	Muhammed	
Talha Bhatda	Mar 8/2022	Amey's	Muhammed	
Amanullah	Mar 8/2022	Amey's	Muhammed	
DAVID SLY	MAR 8/22	Amey's	DAVID	
Deepak Rozario	March 8/22	Amey's	Deepak	
Greg Myers	Mar 8/22	Amey's	driver	
ERIC LOUWIS BURLY	08 MAR 22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	
Bill Hulse	3/9/22	Amey's	driver	
Amy Wright	Mar 9/22	Amey's	Driver	
Sherry Smith	Mar 9/22	Amey's	Driver	
HUDSON	MAR 22	AMEY	D.R.	
L MARTINEAU	MAR 9/22	AMEY	DRIVER	

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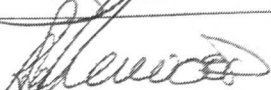
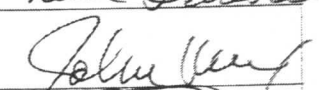

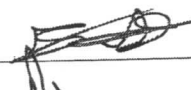
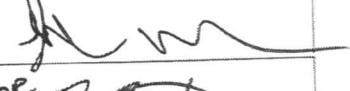
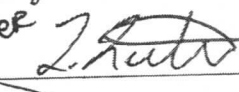
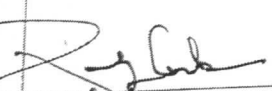
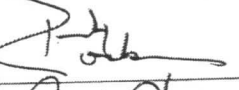
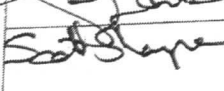
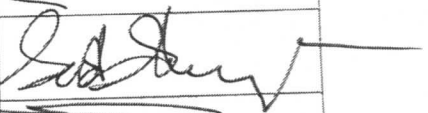

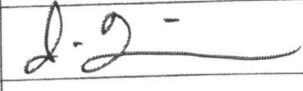
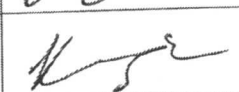
Name	date	company	driver/owner	signature
Peter McKeay 4928	Mar 4th 2022	Amey's	Justin <sup>meys</sup> Gardie	PJ McKeay
James [unclear]	Mar 5/22	Modern City	owner	[Signature]
[unclear]	Mar 5/22	Modern City	owner	[Signature]
Ken Howell	MARCH 5/22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Bob Webster	MAR 5/22	Amey	Owner	Bob Webster
M. J. [unclear]	Mar 5/22	Amey	Driver	M. J. [unclear]
Dan [unclear]	March 5/22	Amey	Owner	[Signature]
[unclear]	March 5/22	Amey	Owner	[Signature]
[unclear]	March 5/22	Amey	Owner	[Signature]
Rob [unclear]	March 6, 22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
William [unclear]	March 6, 2022	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
[unclear]	March 7, 2022	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Gary Rombough	Mar 7, 22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
John [unclear]	Mar 7/22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Rob SHAW	MAR. 7/22	AMEYS	DRIVER	Rob Shaw

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Name	date	company	driver/owner	signature
Rob Maxam	March 10/22	AMEYS	driver 4731	Rob Maxam
Jim Horwath	MAR 10	AMEYS	4006	Jim Horwath
TAMI BAKER	MAR 10	AMEYS	STAFF	Tami Baker
VERN WATERS	MAR 11	AMEYS	DRIVER 19	Vern Waters
Anna Mathauser	March 11	Amey's	Driver	Anna Mathauser
Jim Cassidy	12 MAR 22	"	DRIVER	Jim Cassidy
Julie Strawn	Mar 12	"	Driver	Julie Strawn
Schuyler Wilson	March 14	"	Driver	Schuyler Wilson
K. Egan	March 14	"	driver	K. Egan
m. Grewick	mar 16	"	"	m. Grewick
Glenn Richard	mar 17	"	DRIVER	Glenn Richard
m. HARTLEY	MAR 17	AMEYS	DRIVER	m. HARTLEY
Mike Dilla	March 18	Amey's	Priver	Mike Dilla
Brian Hutz	Mar 18/22	AMEYS	DRIVER	Brian Hutz
Eric Edin	Mar 19/22	AMEYS	DRIVER	Eric Edin

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Name	date	company	driver/owner	signature
Les Smith	8-March 22	Amey's	driver	
BIRANDONT	MAR 8/22	MURPHY'S	DRIVER	
R. SHERRARD	MAR 8/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	
Paul Innes	Mon 8/22	Amey's	owner	Paul Innes
JON MARY	MARCH 7/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	
DON OSBORNE	MARCH 3/22	Amey's	owner	
Greg Pain	Mar 7/22	Amey's	driver	Greg Pain
Greg Schulze	Mar 7/22	Amey's	Driver	
Shane Mann	3/7/22	Amey's	Driver	
Leanne Latour	March 7/22	Amey's	Driver/Dispatcher	
	March 7/22	Amey's	Driver	
	March 7/22	Amey's	Owner	
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Jim Quinn	March 7, 2022	Amey's	owner	
Harman	March 8, 2022	Amey's	Driver	



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Name	date	company	driver/owner	signature
<del>3/24/22</del>				
Wilson Kamia	03/04/22	Amey's	driver	U. Runz
Don Brown	03/04/22	Amey's	owner	Don Brown
Vic Hill	03/04/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	[Signature]
Jaime Ford	03/04/22	Amey's	Driver	Bessie Ford
Don Simpson	03/04/22	Amey's	driver	Don Simpson
Sushama	03/04/22	Amey's	driver	[Signature]
Anthony Tutter	03/04/22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Wayne Pappas	04/03/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER	[Signature]
Edmond Bird	03/04/22	Amey's	owner	[Signature]
Rielly Stang	MAR 4/22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Jon SACAMORE	MAR 5/22	AMEY'S	DRIVER 4931	[Signature]
Julie Jardine	Mar 5/22	Amey's	Driver 5631	[Signature]
Mark Lapine	03/05/22	Amey's	Driver	[Signature]
Jobanjee A	Mar 5/22	Amey's	Driver	Jobanjee

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Name date company driver/owner signature

Rick Insley	22/03/09	Amey	DRIVER	R. Insley
George Brown	09 April 2022	Amey's	Driver	George
383 Mukhammad Joseph	12 March 22	Amey	Owner	[Signature]
Munyarabwa Mark	12 March 22	Modern	Joe	[Signature]
GREENWOOD TANDOR BAIT	12 March 22	Amey's	Brokers	[Signature]
	22/03/16	AMEY'S	Owner	[Signature]

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