

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting 12-2021

Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:00pm
in virtual electronic format hosted on Zoom and Facebook LIVE.

The Commission will resolve into the Committee as the Whole “Closed Meeting” and will reconvene as regular Commission at 5:30pm

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Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

The Committee as the Whole “Closed Meeting”

1. **That** the Commission resolve itself into the Committee of the Whole “Closed Meeting” to consider the following items:
 - a. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose:
 - i. Transportation Network Companies (TNC’s) (*previously named Private Transportation Companies (PTC’s)*) specific to current legal cases.
 - ii. Administration and Enforcement Fee

Approval of Additions

New Commissioners

1. That the Commission offers its sincere welcome to new appointees Joseph Abreau and Marie Renée Belzile and acknowledges them as Commissioners.

Disclosure of Potential Pecuniary Interest

Presentations

Delegations

Briefings

1. Joseph Dowser, Commissioner, will brief the Commission with respect to the availability of all documents, agendas, minutes, directives, etc., within the “Communications” section of the Commissions website.
2. Dianne Aziz, Commissioner, will brief the Commission with respect to the status of the Ride Sharing Service prosecution.
3. Dianne Aziz, Commissioner, will brief the Commission with respect to the status of the Administration and Enforcement Fee.

Petitions

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

1. **That** the Commission extends its Congratulations to Tammy Labelle and Wilfranc Sainvalin respect to their acceptance to become Accessible Taxi Plateholders and the Commission further conveys its recognition for their commitment to the citizens of Kingston and Loyalist County.

Deferred Motions

Reports

Information Reports

Information Reports from Commission Members

1. Information Report received from Joseph Dowser, Commissioner, with respect to Motion 21-009.
 - a. That the Commission replace Information Report 21-001 dated July 14, 2021, with Information Report 21-009.

Miscellaneous Business

1. **That** the Commission hereby issue two (2) accessible taxi plates to the following individuals upon meeting all requirements, acknowledgements, and successful application:
 - a. Tammy Labelle, a duly licensed taxicab operator be issued Plate #A107.
 - b. Wilfranc Sainval, a duly licensed taxicab operator be issued Plate #A108.
2. Joseph Dowser, Commissioner, will present to the Commission with respect to the adoption of a Social Media Policy.
3. Reminder - Renewal Process - That the Commission must be in receipt of the full applicants CPIC prior to processing of a License Renewal.

4. That the Commission commence the following housekeeping tasks with respect to the following matter(s);
 - a. The directive regarding Dormant Plates issued August 2021 be stuck down, and;
 - b. Furthermore, upon approval of Clause A that the directive be removed from the Commissions docket.
5. Joseph Dowser, Commissioner, will present to the Commission a proposed Seal and Logo of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission for approval.

New Motions

1. That the procedure of the Commission be waived to allow Motion 21-118 to be given its first, second, and third reading.
2. Motion 21-118 re: Administration and Enforcement Fee, and Drop Rate (Base Fare).

Notices on Motions

1. Motion 21-119 re: Drop Rate Fee (Base Fare).
 - a. That the Commission replace Motion 21-107 moved on July 14, 2021, with Motion 21-119.

Minutes

1. Approval of Minutes from the General meeting of the KATC held on November 10, 2021.

Tabling Documents

Communications

1. KATC Age of Vehicle Extension Request Form.
2. KATC Accessible Taxi Renewal Fee.
3. KATC Accessible Taxi Plate.

Other Business

1. Postponement of Christmas "Open House" event of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission while there is a COVID outbreak in Kingston. To be rescheduled later.

By-Laws

1. **That** the Commission on November 10, 2021, carried Motion #21-112 re: 2-Way Radio System. Therefore, take notice that Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(h); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(l) (2019); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.5(a) (2019); shall be amended as follows:

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(h) (2019):

(h) should the Taxi Stand Broker have in operation a federal licensed radio system, the Taxi Stand Broker must supply to the Licence Inspector a copy of their federal radio licence, call sign, and frequency number;

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(l) (2019):

(l) ensure that each Vehicle dispatched is equipped with a fully functioning global positioning system that is approved by the Commission.

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.5(a) (2019):

(a) permit or allow any person other than a dispatcher or telephone operator to use any radio system, frequency, telephone system, or any other communication device or application in their ownership or under their control, to receive or dispatch calls;

2. **That** the Commission hereby give notice that the effective date of commencement of the amended Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(h); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(l) (2019); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.5(a) (2019); shall be immediate, dated December 8, 2021.

Adjournment

Kingston Area Taxi Licensing Commission (KATC)

Updated Information Report to Taxi Commission – Originally Submitted July 1, 2021 (21-001)

Information Report Number: **21-008**

Date: December 8, 2021

To: Chair and Commissioners
From: Joseph R. Dowser, Chair
Resource Staff: NA
Date of Original Meeting: July 14, 2021
Subject: **Increase to Drop Rate (Base Fare)**

Theme: COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery

Goal: See Subject.

Summary:

The purpose of this report is to seek the Commission's approval to amend the existing Bylaw #2, Schedule "A", Sec.2, Sub.1 to increase the Drop Rate (Base Fare).

With the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic including lost ridership and revenue, it is imperative to begin consultation with the Taxi Industry and Public to solicit their input on a proposed Drop Rate (Base Fare) increase, as supported by Motion 21-119. Furthermore, the additional \$0.50 increase would solely be used by the Taxi Industry and aid in their efforts towards recovery.

Note: The Commission has received input from Public Members via an online survey posted August 5, 2021. The survey has received 64 responses, of which 45 stated they would support a "Fare Increase", with an average total increase of 43.57 cents.

Recommendation:

That the Commission support the following recommendations:

1. Continue to solicit and conduct consultation with the Taxi Industry and Public through correspondence.
2. Set up and host two virtual meetings to hear delegations and answer questions specific to this subject.
3. Consultation to be completed by December 31, 2021.

Kingston Area Taxi Licensing Commission (KATC)

Motion to Taxi Commission

Motion: **21-118**

Date: December 8, 2021

To: Chair and Commissioners
From (Mover): Dianne Aziz, Secretary-Treasurer
Resource Staff: NA
Date of Meeting: December 8, 2021
Subject: **Administration and Enforcement Fee, and Drop Rate (Base Fare)**

With respect to the statement and recommendations made by Commissioner Aziz, this motion is hereby presented to the Commission to be drafted and adopted.

1. That the Commission remove the Administration and Enforcement Fee (\$0.10/ride) from the Drop Rate.
2. That the Commission rescind any subsequent agreements made to increase the Drop Rate as result of the introduction of the Administration and Enforcement Fee (\$0.15/ride).
3. That the Commission amend "Schedule A" specific to the Drop Rate as detailed below:

a. Bylaw No.2, Schedule "A", sec.2, sub.1, currently states:

(2) Distance travelled, number of passengers and waiting time:

(1) For the first 135 metres or part thereof **\$4.25**

(\$0.10 administration fee paid to Commission)

Therefore, shall be amended as follows:

b. Bylaw No.2, Schedule "A", sec.2, sub.1:

(2) Distance travelled, number of passengers and waiting time:

(1) For the first 135 metres or part thereof **\$4.00**

Date of Commencement:

This amendment shall come into effect beginning January 31, 2022, and all taxicabs currently in operation before the commencement date or prior to being put back into operation after the commencement date, shall have their meters reflect this new Drop Rate accordingly.

Kingston Area Tax Licensing Commission (KATC)

Motion to Taxi Commission

Motion: **21-119**

Date: December 8, 2021

To: KATC Commissioners
From (Mover): Joseph Dowser - Chair
Resource Staff: NA
Date of Meeting: December 8, 2021
Subject: **Drop Rate (Base Fare)**

With respect to the recommendations and supporting statements contained within Information Report 21-009, this motion is hereby presented to the Commission.

1. That the Commission amend "Schedule A" specific to the Drop Rate as detailed below:

a. Bylaw No.2, Schedule "A", sec.2, sub.1 (2019), will state:

- (2) Distance travelled, number of passengers and waiting time:
(1) For the first 135 metres or part thereof **\$4.00**

Therefore, shall be amended as follows:

b. Bylaw No.2, Schedule "A", sec.2, sub.1 (2019):

- (2) Distance travelled, number of passengers and waiting time:
(1) For the first 135 metres or part thereof **\$4.50**

Date of Commencement:

This amendment shall come into effect beginning January 31, 2022, and all taxicabs currently in operation before the commencement date or prior to being put back into operation after the commencement date, shall have their meters reflect this new Drop Rate accordingly.

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MEETING MINUTES
Minutes of Meeting 2021-11. Meeting held Nov. 10, 2021
Via Teleconference**

PRESENT:

Commissioner Aziz
Commissioner Chapelle
Commissioner Budarick

Commissioner Dowser
Commissioner Fraser

REGRETS:

None

STAFF:

Chloe Draeger

OTHERS PRESENT:

Brian Campbell

meeting was livestreamed on Facebook

**THIS IS NOT A VERBATIM REPORT
[Action items are bolded]**

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. **Approval of additions to agenda**

MOTION to accept agenda

Moved by Commissioner Aziz

Seconded by Commissioner Fraser

CARRIED

3. **Confirmation of agenda**

MOTION to accept agenda

Moved by Commissioner Aziz

Seconded by Commissioner Fraser

CARRIED

4. POSSIBLE PECUNIARY INTEREST

None declared.

5. Presentations – None.

6. **Briefings**

- a) Commissioner Fraser proposed that correspondence directed to the Commission must be signed with enclosed identifying/contact information for its standing to be recognized.

MOTION to accept policy on correspondence

Moved by Commissioner Fraser

Seconded by Commissioner Chapelle

CARRIED

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- b) Commissioner Aziz briefed the Commission on the status of a draft municipal bylaw on the oversight of TNCs.
- c) Commissioner Aziz reported on the status of legal proceedings against commercial rideshare drivers. She indicated that she would report further on the matter at December's meeting after a court date to be held on November 22.
- d) Commissioner Aziz briefed the Commission on the \$0.10 administration/enforcement fee. She indicated that she has held discussions with both taxi brokers and would provide further information at December's meeting.
- e) Commission Dowser delivered the following statement:

"When the Commission created their social media pages both on Facebook and Twitter, it was done with the intent that they would be an avenue for both members of the industry and public to stay informed, ask questions, and have engagement. We would like to remind everyone that any social media interactions must be respectful. It is unacceptable to name-call, post information that is untrue or misleading, and, most importantly, use the platform to attack others. It is my recommendation that the Commission draft and adopt a social media policy which would apply to anyone who posts on or interacts with our social media pages."

MOTION to adopt social media policy
Moved by Commissioner Dowser
Seconded by Commissioner Aziz

CARRIED

7. Business

- a) Business Carried Forward from Previous Meeting:
 - a. Commissioner Dowser presented third reading of amendments to Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(h); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(l) (2019); and Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.5(a) (2019):

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(h) (2019):

(h) should the Taxi Stand Broker have in operation a federal licensed radio system, the Taxi Stand Broker must supply to the Licence Inspector a copy of their federal radio licence, call sign, and frequency number;

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.4(l) (2019):

(l) ensure that each Vehicle dispatched is equipped with a fully functioning global positioning system that is approved by the Commission.

Bylaw No.2, sec.26, sub.5(a) (2019):

(a) permit or allow any person other than a dispatcher or telephone operator to use any radio system, frequency, telephone system, or any other communication device or application in their ownership or under their control, to receive or dispatch calls;

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MOTION #21-112 to adopt amendments to Bylaw No.2

Moved by Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by Commissioner Aziz

CARRIED

8. Reports:

- a. Commission Dowser advised that the Commission's 2021 Fall Report has been posted online and can be viewed on social media and the communications tab of the Commission's website.

9. Miscellaneous business

- a. Commission Dowser invited interested parties to sign-up to receive Commission materials (minutes, agenda, etc.) from the Commission website by entering their contact information into the "Sign-Up NOW!" field on the "Social Pages" tab.

10. Confirmation of minutes

MOTION to accept minutes of October 13, 2021 meeting

Moved by Commissioner Fraser

Seconded by Commissioner Aziz

CARRIED

MOTION to accept minutes of September 8, 2021 meeting

Moved by Commissioner Fraser

Seconded by Commissioner Aziz

CARRIED

11. Communications

- a. Commissioner Dowser reported on the updated process for renewing driver and plateholder badges.
- b. Commissioner Chapelle proposed that the Commission hold an open house at its office following the December 8, 2021 meeting.

MOTION to hold an open house

Moved by Commissioner Chapelle

Seconded by Commissioner Fraser

CARRIED

12. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m via teleconference.

MOTION to adjourn at 5:58 p.m.

Moved by Commissioner Aziz

Seconded by Commissioner Fraser

CARRIED

Chair

Date

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Secretary

Date