



**Kingston Area Taxi Commission
Standing Committee
Meeting Number SC-11-2022**

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 7:00pm
in virtual, electronic format.

Please provide correspondence or regrets to Chloe Draeger, Licensing Agent at info@katc.ca or 613-547-3763 ext.101.

Delegation requests may be submitted via <https://bit.ly/TaxiDelegation> and must be received by noon (12:00 PM) on the date of the meeting.

Committee Composition

Commissioner Dowser, Chair
Commissioner Abreu
Commissioner Chapelle
Commissioner Fraser

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Call Meeting to Order

Roll Call

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Disclosure of Potential Pecuniary Interest

Delegations

1. Tammy Labelle, an Accessible Taxi Placeholder, will speak to the Committee regarding Accessible Taxis.
2. Wilfranc Sainval, an Accessible Taxi Placeholder, will speak to the Committee regarding Accessible Taxis.
3. Najum Kodvav, an Accessible Taxi Placeholder, will speak to the Committee regarding Accessible Taxis.
4. Mark Greenwood (Standing Delegate), Owner of Amey's Taxi will be available to answer questions and offer comments.
5. Brian Campbell (Standing Delegate), Owner of Modern City Taxi will be available to answer questions and offer comments.

Briefings

Reports

Motions

1. Accessible Taxicab Loan Program

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner

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

Whereas owners of Accessible Taxicabs are not in a financial position to secure the purchase



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of additional vehicles to meet the increased demand of Accessible services in Kingston and Loyalist Township or to replace accessible vehicles that are not fit and/or not operational due to wear and tear or motor vehicle accidents.

Whereas inflation rates are at a 30-year high, the original loan amount is not reflective of inflation and increased costs of Accessible Vehicle Conversion.

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

Whereas there are currently no clauses contained in By-Law Number 3 which provide terms or qualifications specific to the Accessible Taxi Loan Program.

Therefore, it is hereby moved:

1. **That** the Accessible Taxi Loan Program be increased from \$20,000.00 to \$35,000.00;
2. **That** the Accessible Taxi Loan Program be offered on a “per vehicle/plate” basis, and not restricted to “per Plateholder”;
3. **That** the Standing Committee commence negotiations with Dealerships that offer Accessible Vehicles on behalf of the industry;
4. **That** the Standing Committee seek input from Accessible Plateholders to create a more robust and fair accessible loan program, and;
5. **That** the Standing Committee present to the Commission the drafted Accessible Loan Program during the September 14, 2022 meeting for deliberation and first reading.

2. Accessible Taxi Subsidies

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner

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

Whereas inflation rates are at a 30-year high, resulting in significant increases to operational costs;

Whereas Owners and Drivers of Accessible Taxicabs are reporting a significant amount of “dead-time” that places economic hardship upon both, and;



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Whereas various municipalities offer subsidy programs to Accessible Operators and Drivers.

Therefore, it is hereby moved:

1. **That** the Standing Committee seek input from Accessible Plateholders and various Municipalities that offer similar subsidy programs, and to create a robust and fair Accessible Taxi Subsidy Program, and;
2. **That** the Standing Committee present to the Commission a report respecting an Accessible Subsidy Program during Q4, 2022 for deliberation and where available drafted By-Laws, for first reading.

3. Accessible Model Year Restrictions

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner

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.



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Therefore, it is hereby moved:

1. **That** By-Law Number 3, section 14, being a “By-Law to Accessible Model Year Restriction”, be amended.
2. **That** the Standing Committee present to the Commission a report with respect to Motion 22-115 during the September 14, 2022 meeting for deliberation and first reading.

Notice on Motions

Other Business

1. That the Standing Committee discuss the return to in-person meetings and/or the use of hybrid meetings.

Communications

Confirmation of Minutes

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-05-2022, held Wednesday June 1, 2022, be confirmed.

(Distributed to all Members of the Committee on September 2, 2022)

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-06-2022, held Wednesday June 29, 2022, be confirmed.

(Distributed to all Members of the Committee on September 2, 2022)

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-07-2022, held Wednesday July 6, 2022, be confirmed.

(Distributed to all Members of the Committee on September 2, 2022)

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-08-2022, held Wednesday July 20, 2022, be confirmed.

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That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-09-2022, held Wednesday August 3, 2022, be confirmed.



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That the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting Number SC-10-2022, held Wednesday August 24, 2022, be confirmed.

(Distributed to all Members of the Committee on September 2, 2022)

Tabling of Documents

Adjournment