

## **Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes**

### **Meeting Information: 05-2023**

- Date: May 10, 2023
- Time: 7:02 PM
- Location: Virtual
- Attendees:
  - Chairman Dowser
  - Commissioner Chapelle
  - Commissioner Fraser
  - Commissioner Budarick
  - Commissioner Greenlees

### **Agenda Items:**

1. Digital Testing
2. Taxicab Safety Certificates
3. Second Annual Community Barbecue
4. New Taxi Driver's License Design
5. Taxi Driver's ID Badge

### **Discussion Points:**

1. **Digital Testing:**
  - The standing committee recommended moving from a paper-based test to a digital format with randomized questions.
  - This would improve security, eliminate potential human error, and provide a more professional testing experience.
2. **Taxicab Safety Certificates:**
  - Currently, taxi plate holders are required to submit two safety certificates per vehicle per year.
  - The standing committee recommended reducing this to one safety certificate per year for vehicles 10 years old or newer.

- This would help reduce costs and administrative burden for the industry while maintaining safety standards.

### **3. Second Annual Community Barbecue:**

- The commission approved hosting the second annual community barbecue on June 14th, 2023, from 11 AM to 3 PM.
- The event will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks to members of the industry and community.
- Attendees are welcome to bring additional dishes or cultural foods to share.

### **4. New Taxi Driver's License Design:**

- The current taxi driver's license design lacks security features and is easily reproducible.
- The new license design will be modeled after the Ontario driver's license, with enhanced security features to prevent counterfeiting.
- The new license will not be subject to public requests for viewing.

### **5. Taxi Driver's ID Badge:**

- The current taxi driver's ID badge contains personal information that some drivers are uncomfortable sharing.
- The new ID badge will be limited to the driver's name, badge number, and photo, and will be displayed in a visible location in the vehicle (e.g., near the center dash or meter).

### **Decisions Made:**

1. Approved the new digital testing format for taxi driver applicants.
2. Approved reducing the taxicab safety certificate requirement from two per year to one per year for vehicles 10 years old or newer.
3. Approved the second annual community barbecue to be held on June 14th, 2023.
4. Approved the new design for the taxi driver's license.
5. Approved the new design for the taxi driver's ID badge, to be displayed in a visible location in the vehicle.

### **Action Items:**

1. **Task:** Implement the new digital testing format.
  - Person Responsible: Staff
  - Deadline: TBD
2. **Task:** Amend Bylaw #2 to reflect the new taxicab safety certificate requirement.
  - Person Responsible: Staff
  - Deadline: TBD
3. **Task:** Organize and promote the second annual community barbecue.
  - Person Responsible: Staff
  - Deadline: June 14th, 2023
4. **Task:** Implement the new taxi driver's license design.
  - Person Responsible: Staff
  - Deadline: TBD
5. **Task:** Implement the new taxi driver's ID badge design.
  - Person Responsible: Staff
  - Deadline: TBD