

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

- Date: February 28, 2023
- Time: 7:08pm
- Location: Virtual/Hybrid
- Attendees: Commissioner Chapelle, Commissioner Chaves, Commissioner Fraser, Chairman Dowser

Agenda Items:

1. Condolences and Acknowledgements
2. Accessible Taxi Update
3. Taxi Licensing Report

Discussion Points:

1. Condolences and Acknowledgements:

- The commission expressed condolences for the passing of a father of a member of the community.

2. Accessible Taxi Update:

- There are currently 8 assigned accessible taxis, but only 3 are in operation.
- The 3 accessible taxis in operation are with the companies Modern and Hicky.
- The commission has requested detailed logs from the accessible taxi providers to understand the challenges they face, such as downtime between trips.
- The commission has a budget set aside to potentially assist the accessible taxi providers financially but needs the documented information to justify any support.
- The accessible taxi providers have been provided with a log template to capture the necessary information.

3. Taxi Licensing Report:

- In January, 5 new driver applications were approved for testing, and 15 are currently in the process.
- As of January 20th, 46 licenses have been issued, primarily for 8-month renewals.
- The commission has issued 16 warning letters to taxi plate holders with vehicles older than 10 model years who have not responded to previous letters.

Decisions Made:

1. The commission approved the standing committee meeting dates for the year.
2. The commission will post the standing committee meeting dates on the website and communicate them.

Action Items:

1. The commission will continue to work with the city's bylaw office to enforce the accessible taxi requirements, including the ability to issue fines.
2. The commission will follow up with the accessible taxi providers to ensure they are able to provide the necessary logs.