

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information: 06-2023

- Date: June 14, 2023
- Time: 7:00 PM
- Location: Virtual (Facebook Live)
- Attendees:
 - Chairman Dowser
 - Commissioner Fraser
 - Commissioner Chapelle
 - Commissioner Greenlees
 - Commissioner Budarick
 - Commissioner Chaves
 - Commissioner Abreu

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Disclosure of Potential Secondary Interests
3. Report from the Chair
4. Industry Group Health Benefits
5. New Motions
6. Minutes of Previous Meeting
7. Other Business

Discussion Points:

1. **Report from the Chair (Report TC-23-004):**
 - The report recommended amending Bylaw #2 to separate the taxi plate and taxi driver's license.
 - Currently, a plate holder is only permitted to drive the taxicab registered to their plate, even if they have a valid driver's license.
 - The proposed amendment would allow plate holders to drive any licensed taxicab, as long as they have a valid driver's license.
 - This change would provide more flexibility for plate holders to earn income and align with definitions in the bylaw.

- It would also allow for separate fees for the plate and driver's license, providing savings for multi-plate holders.

2. Industry Group Health Benefits (Report TC-23-005):

- The commission is looking to offer a group health benefit program to taxi industry members and their dependent family members.
- This would provide access to discounted health, dental, and other benefits that are typically difficult for independent contractors and small business owners to obtain.
- The commission will partner with Peak Benefit Solutions and Benefits by Design to administer the program at no cost to the commission.
- New applicants and license renewals will receive information on how to enroll in the program.
- The commission will also provide a presentation on the program for the industry.

3. New Motions:

- Motion 23-009: To amend Bylaw #2 to separate the taxi plate and driver's license as discussed in the report from the Chair.
- Motion 23-010: To authorize the Chair to enter into an agreement to provide the group health benefits program for the taxi industry.

Decisions Made:

1. Report TC-23-004 from the Chair was received.
2. Motion 23-009 to amend Bylaw #2 was approved.
3. Report TC-23-005 on the industry group health benefits program was received.
4. Motion 23-010 to authorize the group health benefits program was approved.
5. Minutes of the previous meeting (May 10, 2023) were approved.

Action Items:

1. **Task:** Amend Bylaw #2 to separate the taxi plate and driver's license.
 - Person Responsible: Commission Staff
 - Deadline: Next Commission Meeting

2. **Task:** Finalize agreement with Peak Benefit Solutions and Benefits by Design to offer the group health benefits program.
 - Person Responsible: Chair
 - Deadline: As soon as possible
3. **Task:** Provide information on the group health benefits program to new applicants and license renewals.
 - Person Responsible: Commission Staff
 - Deadline: Ongoing
4. **Task:** Prepare and post a presentation on the group health benefits program for the industry.
 - Person Responsible: Commission Staff
 - Deadline: Within the next 7-14 days