

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information: 06-2024

- Date: Thursday, June 20th, 2024
- Time: 7:04pm
- Location: Virtual
- Attendees:
 - Commissioner Fraser
 - Chairman Dowser
 - Commissioner Wilkinson
 - Commissioner Abreu
 - Commissioner Chapelle

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Disclosure of Potential Pecuniary Interest
3. Report #5 - Accessible Transit Pass (ATP) Program
4. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
5. Other Business
 - Community Barbecue
 - Taxicab Inspections
 - Taxi Operator Awareness Week
6. Bylaws
 - Third Reading of Bylaw #4 - Accessible Transit Pass Program
 - Third Reading of Bylaw Amendment to Bylaw #2 - Tariff Schedule

Discussion Points:

1. **Report #5 - Accessible Transit Pass (ATP) Program:**
 - The report included recommendations based on a discussion with Mr. Greenwood, owner of Amy's Taxi, regarding the ATP program:

- Minimum of 10 reserved bookings for accessible taxis to ensure availability of service
- Subsidizing the entire fare for accessible taxi trips until there is a volume of 10 or more accessible taxis
- Providing the initial AODA certification and training for accessible taxi plate holders and drivers, as well as training for brokers
- The commission discussed a phased approach to rolling out the program, including:
 - Initial training for brokers, plate holders, and drivers
 - Soft launch with a select group of ATP clients to test the program
 - Full launch of the program by September 1st

2. Taxi Operator Awareness Week:

- The event was well-received in the community, with the city hall and other landmarks being lit up in yellow to recognize taxi operators as ambassadors of the city.
- The commission expressed appreciation for the support from the city and its staff.

Decisions Made:

1. Report #5 - Accessible Transit Pass (ATP) Program was received and adopted.
2. Bylaw #4 - Accessible Transit Pass Program and the amendment to Bylaw #2 - Tariff Schedule were given third reading and approved.

Action Items:

1. **Task:** Provide initial AODA certification and training for accessible taxi plate holders, drivers, and brokers.
 - Person Responsible: Kingston Area Taxi Commission
 - Deadline: Prior to the full launch of the ATP program