

Kingston Area Taxi Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information:

- Date: Monday, October 18, 2023
- Time: 7:02 PM
- Location: Virtual
- Attendees: Chairman Dowser, Commissioners Abreu, Greenlees, Chaves, and Delegate Greenwood (Amey's Taxi)

Agenda Items:

1. Taxi Stands Definitions
2. Taxicab Inspection Report

Discussion Points:

1. Taxi Stands Definitions:
 - The bylaw currently has no definitions for "taxicab stand" or "taxicab stand list".
 - Proposed definitions:
 - Taxicab stand: The area set aside on a public roadway, highway, or property, or the area set aside on private property as designated by the taxi inspector or commission, to be used by a taxicab while waiting for or picking up goods or passengers.
 - Taxicab stand list: A list of all taxicabs stands within the jurisdiction of the Kingston Area Taxi Commission, accessed on the commission's official website.
 - Commissioners discussed the appropriate distance requirements for taxi stands, especially in the downtown core versus other areas.
2. Taxicab Inspection Report:
 - The commission had originally set an August 31st deadline for all 224 registered taxi cabs to be inspected.
 - As of the meeting date, only 90 cabs had been inspected, with the remaining 134 still needing to be inspected.
 - Reasons for the delay included drivers being on vacation and unaware of the requirement.

- The commission proposed extending the deadline to November 6th and issuing a final notice to the remaining plate holders.
- The commission also discussed the possibility of having the taxi inspector or licensing manager conduct random inspections of cabs parked at taxi company lots.

Decisions Made:

1. The commission approved the definitions for "taxicab stand" and "taxi cab stand list".
2. The commission deferred the taxi stand rules (report #10) back to the standing committee for further review and refinement.
3. The commission received and adopted the taxicab inspection report (report #11), extending the deadline to November 6th.

Action Items:

1. Standing committee to review and refine the taxi stand rules, considering the feedback provided.
2. Taxi inspector or licensing manager to conduct random inspections of taxi cabs at company lots that have not yet been inspected.
3. Commission to issue a final notice to the remaining plate holders who have not had their taxi cabs inspected, with a deadline of November 6th.
4. Commission to provide a final taxicab inspection report during the November 8th meeting.