



**Kingston Area Taxi Commission  
Standing Committee  
Meeting Number SC-10-2022**

Wednesday, August 24, 2022 at 7:00pm  
in virtual, electronic format.

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### **Committee Composition**

Commissioner Dowser, Chair

Commissioner Abreu

Commissioner Chapelle

Commissioner Fraser

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**1. Accessible Taxicab Loan Program**

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner

**Whereas** the Taxi Industry is currently recovering from the pandemic and severe economic loss;

**Whereas** owners of Accessible Taxicabs are not in a financial position to secure the purchase of additional vehicles to meet the increased demand of Accessible services in Kingston and Loyalist Township or to replace accessible vehicles that are not fit and/or not operational due to wear and tear or motor vehicle accidents.

**Whereas** inflation rates are at a 30-year high, the original loan amount is not reflective of inflation and increased costs of Accessible Vehicle Conversion.

**Whereas** the availability of newer model vehicles is limited, owners of Accessible Taxicabs are hard-pressed to locate and acquire additional newer model accessible vehicles;

**Whereas** there are currently no clauses contained in By-Law Number 3 which provide terms or qualifications specific to the Accessible Taxi Loan Program.



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***Therefore, it is hereby moved:***

1. **That** the Accessible Taxi Loan Program be increased from \$20,000.00 to \$35,000.00;
2. **That** the Accessible Taxi Loan Program be offered on a “per vehicle/plate” basis, and not restricted to “per Plateholder”;
3. **That** the Standing Committee commence negotiations with Dealerships that offer Accessible Vehicles on behalf of the industry;
4. **That** the Standing Committee seek input from Accessible Plateholders to create a more robust and fair accessible loan program, and;
5. **That** the Standing Committee present to the Commission the drafted Accessible Loan Program during the September 14, 2022 meeting for deliberation and first reading.

**2. Accessible Taxi Subsidies**

Moved by: Commissioner Dowser

Seconded by: Commissioner

**Whereas** the Taxi Industry is currently recovering from the pandemic and severe economic loss;

**Whereas** inflation rates are at a 30-year high, resulting in significant increases to operational costs;

**Whereas** Owners and Drivers of Accessible Taxicabs are reporting a significant amount of “dead-time” that places economic hardship upon both, and;

**Whereas** various municipalities offer subsidy programs to Accessible Operators and Drivers.

***Therefore, it is hereby moved:***

1. **That** the Standing Committee seek input from Accessible Plateholders and various Municipalities that offer similar subsidy programs, and to create a robust and fair Accessible Taxi Subsidy Program, and;
2. **That** the Standing Committee present to the Commission a report respecting an Accessible Subsidy Program during Q4, 2022 for deliberation and where available drafted By-Laws, for first reading.



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