
VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

**EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, April 8, 2009

1:30 p.m.

HERITAGE ROOM, Main Floor, City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of March 11, 2009 Minutes
4. Public Input

At this time, Commission to hear from those who wish to address the Commission on any topic.

Each speaker will have one opportunity to speak for a maximum of 5 minutes.

5. Reports from Committees

a. Executive Committee

H. Naboulsi

Summary;

- No new information

b. Operational & Program Committee

L. Lubin

Summary:

Update on;

- Report on "Terms" for Operational Days
- Report on Potential for Emission Reduction

- Notice of Motion;

MOVED LUBIN/KHEHRA

In lieu of issuing additional taxi licence plates at this time, and satisfying the public demand for taxi availability, the Commission requests City Council to amend the Vehicle For Hire Bylaw, Section 38.1 (f) by increasing the minimum number of operational days per year from 100 days to 200 days, effective June 1, 2009. This means that for the taxi licence renewal cycle commencing in 2010, all taxi vehicle licences must have been in operation for 200 days between May 1, 2009 and April 30, 2010, to qualify for taxi licence plate renewal. Further, an operational day will be defined as a minimum of 6 hours of active dispatch engagement.

- c. Safety -** R. Clarke

Summary

- No new information

- d. Driver Training** C. Khehra

Summary;

- As reported on March 11, 2009, the Committee fully supports both the standardization of driver training and testing, and combining the provincial DDC and the VFH advanced driver-training course to eliminate any duplication.
- The Committee is still waiting for the brokers to submit their documentation for all driver training courses, not only the new drivers. This unnecessary delay is hindering the review process and is unproductive.
- As soon as the requested documentation is made available, the Committee would like to meet with the brokers for their input. Others interested in providing their input should do so in writing to the VFH Commission office by Monday, April 20, 2009.

6. Administrative Matters

- a. Licences** P. Fearon

Summary;

- April, 2009 Service Deliverable Report
- First Quarter 2009 Violation Ticket Report

b. Bylaw Issues

P. Fearon

Summary;

- Bylaw amendment regarding \$3.00 surcharge being prepared

7. New Business

- a.** Correspondence dated March 18, 2009 from David Sager regarding "Why do cabbies think the Taxi Cab/Vehicle for Hire Commission treats them like the enemy?"

Commission Plan of Action;

- b.** E-mail correspondence dated March 19, 2009 from Ahmad Houcheimi regarding safety shields in wheelchair accessible taxi vehicles.

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- c.** Correspondence (and attachments) dated March 26, 2009 from Mr. Janusz Mroz regarding safety shields in hybrid vehicles.

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- d.** Belonett Media Group request for approval of a taxi rooftop advertising mechanism.

- Requesting that the Commission approve a rooftop advertising unit that is rectangular. 39" long, 14" wide and 11" to 13" high.

8. General Correspondence

There are no items of general correspondence.

9. In-Camera Items

10. Adjournment

The next regular Vehicle For Hire Commission meeting will take place at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, Wednesday, May 13, 2009.