
VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, December 14, 2011 @ 1:30 p.m.

Heritage Room in City Hall

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Announcements (Page 3)**
- 3. Approval of Agenda**
- 4. Approval of November 9, 2011 Minutes**
- 5. Public Involvement**
- 6. Reports**
 - (i) Driver Appreciation Awards Day Ad Hoc Committee Report
- 7.. Business**
 - a. Business Arising**
 - (i) Correspondence received from Airport Taxi Service regarding vehicle markings.
 - b. New Business**

There are no items on new business to be discussed.
- 8. Administrative Matters**
 - a. Vehicle for Hire Commission**
 - Budget & Fees
 - Executive Committee Report Update

b. Edmonton Police Service

c. Edmonton Transportation

9. News Articles

There are no news articles to be added at this time.

10. General Correspondence

There are no general correspondence items to be discussed at this time.

11. In-Camera Items

There are no in-camera items to be discussed at this time.

12. Adjournment

The next regular Vehicle for Hire Commission meeting will be held starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, City Hall on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn off all cell. phones.

The topic of 'Public Involvement' allows time to hear from those who wish to address the Commission. To do so, please observe the following procedures;

- sign on speaker list at entry.
- maximum time is 5 minutes per speaker with a four minute warning (yellow card) and expired time (red card).
- be prepared to answer clarification questions from Commission members.

Driver Appreciation Awards Day Ad hoc Committee Report December 14, 2011

The Vehicle for Hire Commission held its 8th annual driver appreciation awards day on November 9, 2011 at City Hall. The vehicle for hire industry includes 1185 taxis, 35 wheelchair accessible taxis, one shuttle service and 257 limousines. This industry is certainly an essential component of city's transportation system and contributes to residents' economic, social, recreational, entertainment and personal needs.

The awards ceremony commenced with Commissioner Chris Leahey remembering fellow industry colleagues who had died or injured at work and observing a moment of silence in their memory. Mayor Stephen Mandel proclaimed November 9, 2011 as the 8th annual driver appreciation awards day, praising the drivers for their tremendous contributions in promoting our city's economic growth and prosperity. He presented four awards to those individuals who had made a positive difference to industry with their advice, advocacy, and dedication - Balraj Manhas, Gord Beatty and Ian Lee. In recognition of Balwinder Dhanoa's many contributions, the Commission decided to name one of the outstanding industry awards after him.

On behalf of the two major sponsors, the YMCA of Edmonton and River Cree Casino and Resorts, Janet Tryhuba, General Manager, Relationship Development & Engagement YMCA, and Roderick Hall, Manager of Tourism and Development at the River Cree Casino assisted in presenting the remaining twenty awards,

Best Taxi Driver Customer Service Award: Hassan El-Khatib of Barrel Taxi, Jahangir Mohammad of Yellow Cab, Rashwinder Panaych of Co-op Taxi, Jose Resendes of Prestige Cabs, and Mohammad Smaili of Yellow Cab.

Best Wheelchair Accessible Customer Service Award: Mehmet Ozbek and Prafulla Yagnik, both of Yellow Cab.

Best Dressed Taxi Driver Award: Paramjit Chahal of Co-op Taxi, Surinder Deol of Yellow Cab, Hirsi Dhimal of Yellow Cab, Joga Khaihra of Co-op Taxi, and Mark Rogers of Yellow Cab.

Best Vehicle Appearance Award: Adel El-Tawashi of Prestige Cabs; John Barrigan of Barrel Taxi; and Parmveer Tiwana of Yellow Cab.

Best Limousine Driver Customer Service award: Waldemar Jalosinski of Prestige Limousines and Julie Reynolds of River City Limousines,

Driver of the Year Award was shared by three drivers.: Jagjit Singh Deol of Yellow Cab, Jasbir Mahal of Checker Cab, and Devinder Mann of Co-op Taxi.

The event was sponsored by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, Canlan Ice Sports at River Cree, Chapters South Point Edmonton, City of Edmonton. Co-op Taxi, Edmonton Marriott at River Cree, River Cree Resort and Casino, Royal Bank of Canada, Starbucks Coffee Company Century Plaza, Starbucks Coffee Company South Point Chapters, Tourism & Development River Cree, United Cab Drivers Association, Vehicle for Hire Commission, YMCA Edmonton Region.

Respectfully submitted: Charan Khehra (Chair), Robert Clarke and Chris Leahey

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Attention: Gary Dziwenka / Chief Licensing Officer Permitting and Licensing

Dear Sir,
Re: Airport Taxi Service Application for Taxi Brokerage

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding the decals approved for our emerging City of Edmonton licensed fleet.

Our current Leduc fleet already sports Airport Taxi decals on the back window of our vehicles. We would like to keep our fleet consistent and include these decals on our blue licensed taxis as well. The letters are 4" white block letters and say "Airport Taxi". We would appreciate it if you could see your way to approving them.

Included in the email are photos of the requested decals. Should have any further questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Sincerely,

Airport Taxi Service

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