
TAXI CAB COMMISSION

**EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, March 11, 2009

1:30 p.m.

HERITAGE ROOM, Main Floor, City Hall

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 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

- Update on meeting with Councillor Sohi

b. Operational & Program Committee

L. Lubin

Summary

- Update on meeting with representatives from two brokers (Yellow and Capital) and Drivers' Association
- Outstanding issues include:
 - How to handle double shifts
 - Definition of what constitutes a day
 - Logistics of reporting and confirming times worked
 - Appeal process for dealing with extenuating circumstances
 - How to monitor independents
 - How to account for time if a licence is transferred
 - Do multi-plate owners require special circumstance treatment
- Proposal to defer consideration of motion until April Commission meeting
- Request Administration to prepare a report on "outstanding issues"
- Request Administration to prepare a report regarding "super licences"

c. Safety -

R. Clarke

Summary

- No new information

d. Driver Training

C. Khehra

Summary

- Update on meeting with industry representatives and instructors to obtain input on standardizing driver training and testing and combining defensive driver training and VFH advanced driver training programs
- Committee supports standardization of driver training and testing and combining defensive driving course and advanced driver training
- Implementation of any recommended change requires bylaw amendment
- Proposal to defer final report to May 13, 2009 Commission meeting

6. Administrative Matters

a. Licences

P. Fearon

Summary

- March, 2009 Service Deliverable Report

b. Bylaw Issues

P. Fearon

Summary

- Bylaw amendment regarding \$3.00 surcharge being prepared

7. New Business

- a. Correspondence dated March 3, 2009 from Mohamed Alma, Airport Taxi regarding an incident

Summary

- Request to Broker of Yellow Cab to prepare written response to Commission

- b. Email correspondence dated February 25, 2009 from Thomas Barknowitz, G.M., Rosslyn Inn & Suites regarding taxi service levels

Summary

- Request to industry brokers for input in relation to service to Rosslyn Inn & Suites
- Prepare response from Commission

- c. Correspondence dated February 11, 2009 from Dave Sager regarding Bylaw Violations
Summary

- Request Administration to investigate and prepare response to Commission

- d. Correspondence dated February 9, 2009 from Jim Suave regarding seasonal plates

Summary

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8. General Correspondence

Summary

- To accept as information following newspaper articles or correspondence
 - a. Newspaper article (undated) entitled "Gypsy cabs filling the void"
 - b. Newspaper article from the Calgary Herald dated February 17, 2009 entitled "Driving Miss Daisy"
 - c. Newspaper article dated February 24, 2009 entitled "Pickering worker jailed in taxi scam"
 - d. Document from Northern Lights Limousine to Hatem Naboulsi, VFH Chairman
 - e. Correspondence dated February 19, 2009 from Kassem Issa to the VFH Commission regarding Safety Shields

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, April 8, 2009.