
VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

CITY OF EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 6

Wednesday, July 14, 2010

MEMBERS

L. Lubin
R. Clarke
C. Khehra
M. Fysh
C. Leahey
B. Katz

PRESENT

L. Lubin
R. Clarke
C. Khehra
M. Fysh
C. Leahey
B. Katz

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

J. Arlia Acting Secretary
P. Fearon Administrator
D. Campbell Edmonton Police Services

1. Call to Order

Chairman called the meeting to order at **1:40 p.m.**

Chairman read letter from Planning Department General Manager Gary Klassen to the Mayor and all City Councillors advising of his retirement and acknowledging Hatem's work ethics and leadership qualities. Hatem's contribution has been well recognized by everyone involved. Hatem had great advice on problem solving and people skills. Lubin and Khehra commented on Hatem's great leadership and recognized him in his long service and appreciated his support during his time on the Commission. Hatem will be missed and they wished him much success in the future.

2. Approval of Agenda

MOVED FYSH/LEAHEY

#1-6-10

That the agenda be approved as presented.

FOR THE MOTION: Lubin, Clarke, Khehra, Leahey,
Fysh, Katz

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED FYSH/LEAHEY

#2-6-10

That the minutes from the regular meeting held on June 9, 2010 be approved.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

4. Public Involvement

The following individuals requested to speak:

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| Mr. Lufemi | Mr. Husni Al-Khateeb | Mr. Greg MacDonald |
| Mr. Steve Alvanos | Mr. Ian Lee | |

The above persons made a presentation and answered the Commission's questions.

Summary of comments/concerns raised:

- Five accessible driver's requesting to move from Capital Taxi to another Broker (letters were given out to members of this request) (copy attached to agenda). Lufemi spoke on behalf of the other four drivers that were present at the meeting. They feel that their livelihood is compromised because Capital Taxi is not busy enough to keep these accessible drivers working. Not enough calls are coming in for the use of accessible vehicles. These vehicles are more costly to up keep in proper running order than a regular taxi vehicle.
- The issue is the broker, Capital Taxi, is the owner of the plate and the vehicles are owned by the driver. The assumption agreement was never signed by this owner, nor was it mentioned to the drivers.
- Capital Taxi is not complying with Phil's previous request to promise a better marketing for accessible taxis; Phil will follow up with Capital Taxi and may revoke the accessible plates.
- No parking, or not enough parking, in the downtown core for taxis is becoming a problem for many drivers in the City.
- Thanking Mr. Naboulsi's efforts and leadership.
- Welcoming the Chairman Mr. Lubin.
- Mr. Alvanos from Capital Taxi thanking the commission members and he is willing to make improvements.

5. Business Arising

a.1. Status update: MacDonald Outdoor advertising for Taxis

5.a.1 Advertising is still a work in progress with transportation and once we have a decision we will follow through

a. MOVED CLARKE/LEAHEY #3-6-10
To receive the status update on advertising as information

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke CARRIED

b.1 Brokers examples of the Driver Training Tests & dates for upcoming training

5 b.1 Khehra will discuss this issue in his report.

6 Reports from Committees

a. Executive Committee LUBIN
No report

b. Operation & Program Committee
Accessible taxis access to South Campus transit, LRT zone. Signage went up.
Accessible taxi drivers to keep good records of pick ups, time, location and file with Mr. Ken Koropeski 780-496-5796.

City Council requires solutions for taxi service in downtown entertainment zones.

MOVED FYSH/CLARKE #4-6-10
To accept the Operation and Program Committee report for information

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke CARRIED

c. Safety Committee
Work on evaluation for license & security check. The Committee is requesting a Police officer be present at the offsite meeting to make a presentation regarding safety for our drivers.

MOVED CLARKE/LEAHEY #5-6-10

That the Safety Committee report be received as information.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke CARRIED

d. Driver Training and Testing Committee

Lack of co-operation from brokers re: the driver training and testing documents. Committee wants commitment from brokers to meet requirements as set out on Notice of Motion letter (attached to these minutes).

Motion for consideration at meeting August 11, 2010.

MOVED KHEHRA/FYSH

#6-6-10

That the Driver Training and Testing Committee report be received as information.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

7. Administrative Matters

a. Vehicle for Hire Commission

June Services Deliverable report reviewed.

Violation ticket summary in the last 6 months was reviewed.

2011 budget for Commission as proposed 2% increase fee across the board to cover the \$15,000 cost increase.

MOVED FYSH/LEAHEY

#7-6-10

That the Commissions 2011 budget be a replica of the 2010 budget with a proposed 2% increase in all fees rounded up to the closest \$1.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

MOVED FYSH/LEAHEY

#8-6-10

Regarding concerns over apparent inconsistency of Enforcement Officer Standards of practice, request the Chief Livery Officer to bring a report to the August 11 Commission meeting concerning staff scheduling and the manner in which violations are dealt with.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

b. Edmonton Police Service

Proposed 911 emergency light indicators from MacDonald Outdoor Advertising. The proposed timeline is not acceptable as there are many parties involved in order to discuss and review the concept.

c. Edmonton Transportation

MACDONALD

No report

8. New Business

a. Confirmation New Commission Chairman Leon Lubin and new Commission Vice Chairman Mack Fysh

LUBIN

b. Committee Membership Changes

FYSH

The Executive Committee reassignment: Mack Fysh to Chair Operations and Program Committee and Leon Lubin to Chair Executive, Chris Leahey to Chair Safety Committee and Charan Khehra to Chair the Driving Training and Testing.

9. News Articles

July 5, 10 Edmonton Journal article titled "Public transportation to Airport would be of benefit to visitors."

MOVED CLARKE/LEAHEY

#9-6-10

That the news article be received as information

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

10. General Correspondence

Two letters from Mr. Ron Hayter and Mr. Dave Sager re: issues with Edmonton Transportation (EIA and subsidized ETS).

MOVED LEAHEY/KATZ

#10-6-10

That the items of general correspondence be received as information.

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

11. In-Camera Items
None

12. Adjournment

MOVED LEAHEY/LUBIN

#9-6-10

That the Meeting be adjourned at 2:50 pm

FOR THE MOTION: Khehra, Leahey, Fysh, Katz, Lubin, Clarke

CARRIED

The next regular Vehicle For Hire Commission meeting will be held Wednesday, August 11, 2010 at 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room, Main Floor, City Hall.


Leon Lubin, Vice-Chairman
J. Arlia, Acting Secretary