
VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

CITY OF EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

MEETING NO. 5

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

MEMBERS

M. Fysh
R. Clarke
C. Khehra
C. Kilburn
C. Leahey
J. Bruyer
J. Dziadyk

PRESENT

M. Fysh
R. Clarke
C. Khehra
C. Kilburn
C. Leahey
J. Bruyer
J. Dziadyk

Also in attendance;

Chief Livery Officer
VFH Commission Secretary
EPS

G. Dziwenka
S. Weller
Suptd. D. Campbell

1. Call to Order

G. Dziwenka called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m. and stated that he will be chairing the meeting until after the election for the position of Chairperson has been concluded.

2. Introduction of New Members

G. Dziwenka introduced and welcomed the new members of the Commission appointed by City Council – Ms. Joyce Bruyer and Mr. Jonathan Dziadyk.

3. Elections for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

A secret ballot election for the position of Chairperson of the Vehicle For Hire Commission was held between the two nominees, Mr. Mack Fysh and Mr. Chris Leahey.

G. Dziwenka announced that M. Fysh was duly elected by members of the Commission as Chairperson Elect of the Commission.

MOVED CLARKE/KHEHRA

#1-06-11

That the election of Mr. Fysh as the Chairperson of the Vehicle For Hire Commission be approved.

FOR THE MOTION: Clarke, Khehra, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

Mr. Fysh took over as Chairperson of the meeting.

Mr. Leahey nominated Mr. Khehra for the position of Vice Chairperson.

MOVED LEAHEY/CLARKE

#2-06-11

That the election of Mr. Khehra as Vice Chairperson of the Commission by acclamation.

FOR THE MOTION: Fysh, Clarke, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

The Chairman of the Vehicle For Hire Commission is M. Fysh.
The Vice Chairman of the Vehicle For Hire Commission is C. Khehra.

4. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Campbell requested that the EPS portion of the meeting be moved up on the agenda to the first item after 6. – Public Involvement.

MOVED CLARKE/LEAHEY

#3-06-11

That the agenda be approved as amended.

FOR THE MOTION; Khehra, Fysh, Clarke, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

5. Approval of Minutes

MOVED KHEHRA/DZIADYK

#4-06-11

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

FOR THE MOTION; Khehra, Fysh, Clarke, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

6. Public Involvement

Mr. Balraj Manhas

Balraj Manhas addressed the Commission and congratulated Mr. Fysh and Mr. Khehra on being elected and appointed to the positions of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson respectively.

Mr. Manhas inquired if the Airport Taxi brokerage application can be suspended if they have not completed the process by adding the required five vehicles. He also suggested that enforcement continue to pursue gypsy cabs, unlicensed limos operating at night, etc. As well, Mr. Manhas would like to see a completed definition of limousines including age requirements.

Mr. Dziwenka indicated that Airport Taxi has merely submitted an application and there has not been a licence issued to date. He also stated that new processes being implemented will assist in the Inspectors spending more time on the road and that a limousine definition report will be completed within the next two months.

Mr. Phil Strong declined to speak.

As per the amended agenda, Item (. (b) – Edmonton Police Service – will be addressed at this time.

Edmonton Police Service

Superintendent Campbell advised that Marjorie Dulseth (General Manager at Yellow Cab) who had approached Superintendent Campbell at a previous meeting regarding the problems she was having in obtaining restitution for a vehicle involved in a no at-fault accident with someone who did not have insurance, has had the problems satisfactorily resolved.

Superintendent Campbell then introduced Heather Bettke and Echo Baxter to address the issue of security clearances.

MOVED CLARKE/KHEHRA

#5-06-11

That the Commission recognize Superintendent Campbell's efforts in assisting Marjorie Dulseth with the problem involving restitution.

FOR THE MOTION; Khehra, Fysh, Clarke, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

Ms. Heather Bettke addressed the meeting and explained the process of the vulnerable search procedure indicating that there is an enhanced flag system in place to protect the vulnerable sector. As a result, it is possible that one in three drivers may require fingerprints which can cause delays. EPS has purchased its second digital print machine to help speed up the process and is also looking at moving or renovating to assist in accommodating the industry. Although the last six months has been a learning curve, the system is now running very efficiently.

It was clarified that there are currently only six applicants whose application remains outstanding and they have all been advised of the reason for the delay and proper procedure has been followed to ensure they are not prohibited from working while waiting for their clearances.

Mr. Balraj Manhas was invited to comment and thanked Heather for her presentation. He inquired if fingerprints would be required when an applicant applied for their security detail for renewal in the second year if they had already submitted their prints the prior year.

Heather clarified that the prints would only be taken in the first year and held for at least three – five years until fingerprinting would be required again.

Superintendent Campbell and the Chairman both thanked Heather and Echo for attending the meeting and presenting information on this issue.

MOVED KHEHRA/CLARKE

#6-06-11

That the security clearance process be recorded and accurately reflected in the minutes.

FOR THE MOTION; Khehra, Fysh, Clarke, Kilburn, Leahey, Bruyer, Dziadyk

CARRIED

7. Business Arising

There are no items to be discussed under this heading.

8. Reports from Committees

a. Committee of the Whole

Chairperson explained that the Executive Committee has been replaced by a Committee of the Whole. Committee of the Whole is comprised of all Commission

members whose purpose is to meet and review new and ongoing issues to ensure that they are captured on the agenda and addressed in an appropriate manner.

b. Operation and Program Committee

Chairperson explained that as a part of our annual requirement, all Committees are being re-evaluated.

c. Safety Committee

There was no report tabled on the issue of safety.

d. Driver Training Committee

There was no report tabled on the issue of driver training.

9. Administrative Matters

a. Vehicle for Hire Commission

1. Service Deliverables Report

There are no items to be reported.

2. General Matters

Mr. Dziwenka stated that correspondence had been forwarded to Mr. Barrigan on behalf of the Commission congratulating him on receiving his 'Best Driver' award from Edmonton Tourism.

He also advised members that there has been a Departmental re-organization and the Vehicle For Hire Commission is no longer under the Community Standards Branch of Planning and Development. The new Department title is Sustainable Development and our specific Branch is Current Planning.

Finally, Mr. Dziwenka advised that the legal opinion regarding accessible taxis has been completed and a response could be released within the next week.

3. July and August VFH Meetings

Mr. Dziwenka reminded everyone that both the July and August Vehicle For Hire regular meetings had been cancelled.

b. Edmonton Transportation

The Transportation Representative was not in attendance.

10. New Business

There are no items under this heading.

1. News Articles

There are no items under this heading.

12. General Correspondence

There are no items under this heading.

13. In-Camera Items

There are no items under this heading.

14. Adjournment

As there were no further matters to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular Vehicle For Hire Commission meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room at City Hall, Wednesday, September 14, 2011.



M. Fysh, Chairman



S. Weller, Administrative Assistant