

VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION

**CITY OF EDMONTON VEHICLE FOR HIRE COMMISSION**

**MEETING NO. 8**

**Wednesday, November 9, 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  
Transportation  
Edmonton Police Service

G. Dziwenka  
D. MacDonald  
D. Campbell

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m subsequent to the 'Annual 2011 Taxi Driver Appreciation Award' event

**2. Announcements**

Chairman read the announcement attached to the agenda regarding turning off cell. phones, not discussing the Airport or the issuance of new licences, and the procedures for public involvement.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOVED DZIADYK/KHEHRA**

**#1-11-11**

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

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

**CARRIED**

#### **4. Approval of Minutes**

**MOVED KILBURN/DZIADYK**

**#2-11-11**

That the minutes be approved as circulated.

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

**CARRIED**

#### **5. Public Involvement**

**Mr. Balraj Manhas**

Mr. Manhas addressed the Commission and thanked them for the annual 'Taxi Driver Appreciation Day' event recognizing industry contribution. He indicated that the United Cabbies Association will continue to be involved in the various issues being addressed by City Council regarding the taxi industry. He still has concerns regarding illegal cabs operating and the lack of enforcement to take them off the road. He also indicated that there should be a special meeting set up for all drivers to attend to discuss the implementation process for the new advisory committee.

**Mr. Phii Fearon**

Mr. Fearon addressed the Commission and congratulated them on another successful Taxi Driver Appreciation Day. He also reminded members that this is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vehicle For Hire Commission and suggested that some type of event be held to celebrate this occasion. Mr. Fearon went on to suggested maintaining partnerships with both the I.A.T.R. and the T.L.P.T.A. as the industry information they can provide is invaluable. As well, it is his opinion that social media could possibly be used to promote the Commission and the industry.

#### **6. Reports**

There were no new reports to be tabled at this time.

## **7. Business**

### **a. Business Arising**

There were no items of business arising to be discussed at this time.

### **b. New Business**

#### **(i) Motions from Executive Committee Meeting on October 19, 2011.**

Copies of the motion passed at the Executive Committee meeting held on October 19, 2011 have been distributed to all Commission members.

#### **(ii) Correspondence received by Administration**

The Chief Livery Officer reported that a letter was received regarding pre-booked trips for accessible taxis.

#### **MOVED KHEHRA/BRUYER**

That the Administration review the matter (accessible taxi trips) and take appropriate action.

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

**CARRIED**

## **8. Administrative Matters**

### **a. Vehicle For Hire Commission**

The various reports were discussed with timelines.

### **b. Edmonton Police Service**

Superintendent Campbell advised Commission members that she will no longer be the EPS liaison to the Vehicle For Hire Commission as she is taking on a new position. She will recommend that a senior officer remain appointed.

**c. Edmonton Transportation**

There was no new information to be discussed regarding Transportation issues.

**9. News Articles**

- a. 630 Ched Article dated October 20, 2011 regarding "Taxi industry frustrated".
- b. CBC News article dated October 20, 2011 regarding "Restrictions on cab hailing irks Mayor".
- c. Metro Edmonton article dated October 20, 2011 regarding "Cab driver sought in industry policy".

The news articles were reviewed and accepted as information.

**10. General Correspondence**

There are no items under this heading.


**11. In-Camera Items**

There are no items under this heading.

**12. 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, December 14, 2011.

  
M. Fysh, Chairman

  
S. Weller, Administrative Assistant