

# Branch — Vehicle for Hire

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## Introduction

Vehicle for Hire is administered by the Current Planning Branch. This section administers regulations governing vehicles, drivers and business operations to promote a safe and respected industry.

The program promotes the safe and orderly provision of vehicle-for-hire services in Edmonton through driver licensing, driver screening, vehicle inspections and compliance activities.

Council approved an additional enforcement officer for 2013, which has facilitated our focus for on-road compliance activities and increased liaisons with the industry.

Public involvement engages industry stakeholders and the public to provide input on issues that arise.

Key contribution to *The Way Ahead* is through outcomes under *The Way We Move*, though the work of the section also strongly supports livability and sustainability goals outlined in other Ways plans.



PROMOTING A SAFE AND RESPECTED INDUSTRY

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### Approved 2014 Budget – Branch Summary

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	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2014 Budget	\$ Change '13-'14	% Change '13-'14
<b>Revenue &amp; Transfers</b>					
User Fees, Permits, etc. (Note 1)	\$ 1,463	\$ 864	\$ 867	\$ 3	0.3
Grants	6	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Expenditure &amp; Transfers</b>					
Personnel	399	544	537	(7)	(1.3)
Materials, Goods & Supplies	22	12	12	-	-
External Services	37	36	47	11	30.6
Fleet Services	20	19	30	11	57.9
Intra-municipal Services	203	195	217	22	11.3
Grants, Utilities & Other Charges	299	24	24	-	-
Transfer to Reserves	489	34	-	(34)	(100.0)
Subtotal	1,469	864	867	3	0.3
Intra-municipal Recoveries	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure &amp; Transfers</b>	<b>1,469</b>	<b>864</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.3</b>
<b>Net Operating Requirement</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Full-time Equivalents</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>-</b>	

Note 1: Additional revenue and expenditures in 2012 are a result of a one-time grant program.

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## Budget Changes for 2014 (\$000)

### Revenue & Transfers - Changes

#### User Fees, Permits, etc. \$3

Increase in volume to align with actual results.

### Expenditures & Transfers - Changes

#### Personnel (\$7)

Change within the salary ranges and changes in benefits account for the decrease.

#### External Services \$11

Increase is due to contract work for a taxi availability study as directed by Council.

#### Fleet Services \$11

Increased Fleet costs resulting from additional on road compliance activities.

#### Intra-municipal Services \$22

Increase in staff support costs required for plate renewal.

#### Transfer to Reserves (\$34)

Increased costs for contract work, fleet services and staff support resulted in a decrease in funds available to be transferred to reserve.

### Full-time Equivalents - Changes

No anticipated changes in the number of FTEs for 2014.

## Bylaws Requiring Approval

Vehicle for Hire fees are contained in Schedule B of Bylaw 14700 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw.

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## Approved 2014 Budget – Program Summary

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### Program Name - Vehicle For Hire

#### Link to 10-Year Strategic Goals



#### Results to be Achieved

Taxis, limousines, shuttle businesses, vehicles and drivers must be properly licensed to legally operate in the City. This is governed by the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw (14700). The program monitors that all related businesses, vehicles and drivers are licensed and adhere to all bylaws and regulations.

#### Cost Drivers

The most significant cost driver is volume, the greater the number of vehicles, drivers and businesses operating in Edmonton, the greater the costs, such as inspection and on-road compliance.

#### Service Standards

The Vehicle for Hire program supports safe transportation both for the passengers and for those involved in the industry by regulating, licensing and inspecting all taxis, limousines and shuttles in the City and by ensuring all drivers are properly licensed.

Resources (\$000)	2012 Actual	2012 Budget	2013 Budget	2014 Budget
Revenue & Transfers	\$ 1,469	\$ 1,224	\$ 864	\$ 867
Expenditure & Transfers	1,469	1,224	864	867
Subtotal	-	-	-	-
Intra-municipal Recoveries	-	-	-	-
Net Operating Requirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Management		1.0	1.0	1.0
Professional/Technical/Union Exempt		-	-	-
Union		4.0	5.0	5.0
Temporary		-	-	-
Full - Time Equivalents		5.0	6.0	6.0

#### 2013 Services

- Vehicle for Hire governance
- Taxi brokerage, limousine and shuttle business licensing
- Vehicle registration, licensing and inspections
- Driver licensing
- Increased on-road presence and compliance will continue to be a priority

#### Changes in Services for 2014

The program will have a new industry advisory group which will provide streamlined advice to Administration.