

TAXI AND LIMOUSINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 13, 2008

- PRESENT:** Deputy Mayor Stephen Adams, Chair
Mr. Derek Mathers, Taxi Broker
Mr. Earl Brown, Licenced Taxi Driver
Mr. Robert Richards, Limousine Driver/Owner
Mr. Jamie Bolduc, Hotel Association of Nova Scotia
Mr. Gary Russell, Rep. HRM Advisory for Persons with Disabilities
Ms. Lisa Dahr, NS Tourism Human Resource Council
- REGRETS:** Ms. Joanne Coffey, Citizen Representative
Mr. Tim Hosford, Citizen Representative
Ms. Cathy Towers, Halifax International Airport Authority Board
Mr. Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator, Taxi and Limousine
Services
- STAFF:** Ms. Barbara Coleman, Legislative Assistant, HRM
Ms. Andrea MacDonald, Manager, Taxi and Limo Services

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Deputy Mayor Adams welcomed the newest member of the Committee, Mr. Richard McNeil, Licenced Taxi owner.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - May 8, 2008

Correction: Item 7.1 - Mr. Hindle's name was changed to Mr. Jamie Bolduc as the seconder of the motion.

MOVED By Mr. Mathers, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the minutes of May 8, 2008 be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS AND APPROVAL OF ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED By Mr. Mathers, seconded by Mr. Richards, that the the Order of Business be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED

4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES - None

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS - None

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS - None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Transferability of Ownership of Roof Lights

Mr. Richards brought this matter forward to the Committee. He advised with a different Council, the decision of this matter may be different. He suggested that it be brought forth to Council again. Deputy Mayor Adams advised that no clear decision was made in this matter and that a package of reports and motions from the last Council session that this was brought forward would be distributed to the Committee.

7.2 Retire Roof Light # 279

Ms. Andrea MacDonald advised the Committee that she would see that the roof light number, Halifax #279, of Mr Frank Robert Horwill be retired in memory of Mr Frank

Robert Horwill . Mr. Horwill was 71 years of age and drove taxi for 50 years.

7.3 Meter Increase

The Committee was advised that a petition had been circulated but it was not very reflective of all drivers nor was there enough drivers at today's meeting to give any further reflection of the feeling of the industry. It was felt that with the gas prices dropping, it would not be a good time to increase meters.

Mr. McNeil also suggested that the taxi industry needs to find another way to regulate fare increases. Gas prices are too volatile.

7.4 Policy Regarding Seeing Eye Dogs

Ms. Helen McFadyen, Chairperson for Advisory Committee For Persons With Disabilities, spoke to the Committee on the need for educating drivers around the use of Service dogs. She spoke to the fact that some drivers refuse to allow the dogs in their cars.

Ms. McDonald advised Ms. McFadyen and the other members of the Committee that a driver must have a valid reason for refusing a dog in their car. Like any other health issue it must be registered with the Taxi office.

Deputy Mayor Adams, at the invitation of Ms. McFadyen, agreed to go to the next meeting of the Advisory Committee For Persons With Disabilities.

8. REPORTS

9. ADDED ITEMS

9.1 Change in Location of Taxi Office

Ms. McDonald advised the Committee that the taxi office was moving to the Burnside park area on Mellor Ave, however no date had been set as of yet. Ms. MacDonald further advised that as soon as the date is known, a full communique would go out.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - December 11, 2008

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Barbara Coleman
Legislative Assistant