

**TAXI AND LIMOUSINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**September 13, 2007**

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair  
Mr. Denis St. Laurent, Vice-Chair  
Mr. Jamie Bolduc  
Ms. Susan Carroll  
Ms. Lisa Dahr  
Mr. Derek Mathers  
Mr. Robert Richards

ABSENT WITH  
REGRETS: Mr. Tim Hosford  
Mr. Kevin Bulley  
Ms. Cathy Towers

STAFF: Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Captain William Spry Centre, 10 Kidston Road, Spryfield.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS**

**Additions:** 9.1 Code of Ethics - Mr. Denis St. Laurent  
9.2 Ticketing for Non-illuminated Roof Lights - Mr. Denis St. Laurent  
9.3 Membership - Mr. Denis St. Laurent  
9.4 Update on Transferability Report - Councillor Adams

**Deletions:** 7.2 Booster Seat Legislation  
7.4 Industry Statistical Information

**MOVED BY Mr. Derek Mathers, seconded by Mr. Jamie Bolduc that the agenda, as amended, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - June 14, 2007**

**MOVED BY Ms. Susan Carroll, seconded by Mr. Robert Richards that the minutes of June 14, 2007, as circulated, be approved. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None**

**5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS**

**5.1 Safety of Taxi Drivers**

- An Information Report dated July 23, 2007 was before the Committee.

Following discussion on the issue, Mr. Derek Mathers, with the agreement of the Committee, put forward a Notice of Motion to reconsider the Committee's October 12, 2006 motion in regard to mandating cameras in taxi cabs. See page 5, Item 10. Notices of Motion.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS - None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.1 Annual Report**

A draft outline of the Annual Report was provided for information purposes. A final draft will be available at the October meeting.

**7.2 Booster Seat Legislation**

This item was deleted during the approval of the agenda as Ms. Towers was unable to be in attendance to address the matter. See Item 2, page 3.

**7.3 Committee Members**

**7.3.1 Pre-arranged Cars at the Airport**

Ms. Susan Carroll advised that customers who have pre-arranged pick-up with limousine drivers are not getting their pre-arranged cars. Customers are being directed to the pick-up area where ground control staff call for the next available vehicle.

The Committee requested this issue be forwarded to Ms. Cathy Towers, Manager, Ground Transportation, Halifax (Stanfield) International Airport Authority, for comment and response.

**7.4 Industry Statistical Information**

This item was deleted during the approval of the agenda as Mr. Hindle was unable to be in attendance to address the matter. See Item 2, page 3.

**8. MOTIONS - None**

**9. ADDED ITEMS**

**9.1 Code of Ethics**

In response to Mr. Denis St. Laurent's inquiry as to when the Code of Ethics will be before Council and implemented, the Legislative Assistant advised that the issue will be included in the amendments going forward to Regional Council on By-Law T-108.

**9.2 Ticketing for Non-illuminated Roof Lights**

Mr. Denis St. Laurent advised that some drivers are being stopped and ticketed by Halifax Regional Police for not having their roof light illuminated. The ticket issued was for \$127.50. He asked why the police have started this and who determined the amount of the fine. Mr. Robert Richards advised that he has heard of at least twenty drivers who have been ticketed. He suggested the police provide a warning instead of issuing a ticket.

The Committee requested the issue be forwarded to staff for response.

### **9.3 Membership**

In response to Mr. Denis St. Laurent's request for an update on the status of filling the vacancies on this Committee, the Legislative Assistant was requested to follow-up on this matter with the Municipal Clerk's Office. Mr. St. Laurent expressed concern that taxi drivers are not fairly represented on this Committee as long as the position remains vacant.

### **9.4 Update on Transferability Report**

Councillor Adams advised that he will contact the Chief Administrative Officer in regard to the status of the Taxi Owner Licence report (Transferability) and will provide an update at the October meeting.

## **10. NOTICES OF MOTION**

Take Notice that at the next regularly scheduled Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, October 11, 2007, I, Derek Mathers, intend to put forward a Motion of Reconsideration of the October 12, 2006 Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee's motion in regard to cameras being made mandatory in taxi cabs.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, October 11, 2007

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Chris Newson  
Legislative Assistant