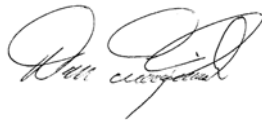


**Item No. 9.1**

**Halifax Regional Council**  
**December 11, 2007**  
**January 8, 2008**  
**February 26, 2008**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council



**SUBMITTED BY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** November 21, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **By-law T-137 - Amendment To By-law T-108, Respecting The Regulations Of Taxis & Limousines**

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**ORIGIN**

The Limousine Industry has requested an amendment to By-law T-108, to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from a minimum five passenger capacity to a minimum four passenger capacity and to permit full size luxury class Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV's) to be licenced as a limousine.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve in principle By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines (attached as Appendix A) to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver).
2. Approve in principle By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines (attached as Appendix A) to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.
1. Upon approval in principle, give Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver) and to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.

## **BACKGROUND**

The current definition of a limousine vehicle in By-law T-108, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines in part states:

*"limousine" means a full sized luxury class four door sedan motor vehicle **having a standard seating capacity for at least five passengers excluding the driver**, which is kept or used for hire for the conveyance of passengers, and which has carpeted floors and either a leather or other superior quality upholstered interior; that is not equipped with a taxi meter or roof light, and is furnished with a minimum of four of the following features: ...*

## **DISCUSSION**

Most of today's newly designed luxury class four door sedans no longer accommodate the required standard five passenger seating capacity identified in the definition of a limousine in By-Law T-108, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines.

The change in vehicle designs has resulted in limousine owners having difficulty finding replacement vehicles that meet the current definition of a "Limousine" included in the by-law.

The Limousine Industry has requested the following amendments:

- to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from a minimum five passenger capacity to a minimum four passenger capacity; and
- to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.

The amended definition of a limousine vehicle would state in part:

*"limousine" means a full sized luxury class four door sedan or full sized luxury class **Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV)** motor vehicle **having a standard seating capacity for at least four passengers excluding the driver**, which is kept or used for hire for the conveyance of passengers, and which has carpeted floors and either a leather or other superior quality upholstered interior; that is not equipped with a taxi meter or roof light, and is furnished with a minimum of four of the following features: ...*

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications as a result of this report.

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approved Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Capital and Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVES**

Maintaining the status quo, and not adopt the recommended amendments to By-Law, T-108. This alternative is not recommended.

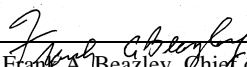
**ATTACHMENTS**

**Appendix A:** By-Law T-137, Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines to reduce the minimum seating capacity for limousine vehicles from 5 passengers (excluding the driver) to 4 passengers (excluding the driver) and to permit full size luxury class SUV's to be licenced as a limousine.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

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**Appendix A**

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
BY-LAW NUMBER T-137**

**RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS AND LIMOUSINES**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 that By-Law T-108, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines be amended as follows:

2. The definition of “limousine” is amended to read as follows:

**"limousine"** means a full sized luxury class four door sedan or full sized luxury class Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) motor vehicle having a standard seating capacity for at least four passengers excluding the driver, which is kept or used for hire for the conveyance of passengers, and which has carpeted floors and either a leather or other superior quality upholstered interior; that is not equipped with a taxi meter or roof light, and is furnished with a minimum of four of the following features:

- (i) glass partition separating the front and rear seats;
- (ii) top quality interior appointments, being either leather or other plush upholstery;
- (iii) power windows;
- (iv) one-way tinted glass;
- (v) television;
- (vi) stereo system;
- (vii) cellular telephone;
- (viii) air conditioning;

and restricted to the following makes:

- (i) Cadillac;
- (ii) Lincoln;
- (iii) Rolls Royce;
- (iv) Jaguar;
- (v) Mercedes-Benz;

(vi) Bentley

(vii) Royal Princess;

(viii) any other vehicle which is of comparable limousine quality to those vehicles listed above.

Done and passed on this        day of        2007.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I,       , Municipal Clerk for the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on       , 2007.

Municipal Clerk