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Halifax Regional Council

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TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:



Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair, Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee

DATE: April 25, 2006

SUBJECT: National Standards Certification for New Limousine Drivers

REPORT

ORIGIN

The Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee meeting of April 13, 2006.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve an amendment to By-Law T-108 to mandate that all new limousine drivers be required to complete the National Certification Program similar to that required for Taxi Drivers.

BACKGROUND

Resulting from a recent review of their standards, the National Certification Program has adopted standards to be included for limousine drivers.

The Halifax International Airport Authority is in the process of implementing mandatory completion of the National Certification program for the operator of the vehicle. All current taxi and limousine drivers who service the Halifax International Airport must either have completed the National Certification Program or, be enrolled in the program by September 2006; the airport license renewal period.

TIANS (Tourism Industry Association of Nova Scotia) administers the National Certification Program and provides updates to the Taxi Inspectors Office regarding notification on when an operator has completed the National Certification Program.

Currently, HRM taxi drivers who have completed the National Standards Program have "Nationally Certified" stamped on their license by HRM's Taxi Inspector upon renewal of the taxi license.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

None.

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

1. Council may choose not to approve the amendment.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Information Report dated May 5, 2006 from Mr. Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator, Taxi and Limousine Services including comments from the By-Law Rationalization Committee.
2. By-Law T-108 (Current)

Additional copies of this report, and information on its status, can be obtained by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.
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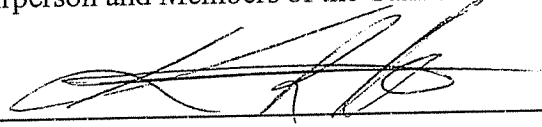


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INFORMATION REPORT

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Taxi & Limousine Advisory Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator Taxi and Limousine Services,
Community Projects, Police Services

DATE: May 5, 2006

SUBJECT: National Standards Certification for new Limousines Drivers

ORIGIN

April 25, 2006, draft report to Regional Council to consider making it mandatory for new limousine drivers to complete the National Standards Certification Program.

BACKGROUND

April 13, 2006, the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee requested an amendment to By-Law T-108, Respecting The Regulations of Taxis and Limousines making it mandatory for all new limousine drivers to complete the National Standards Certification Program.

This matter was previously reviewed by the By-Law Rationalization Working Group

DISCUSSION

Currently newly licenced limousine drivers are not required to complete the National Standards Certification Program. Newly Licenced limo drivers currently receive a permanent drivers licence when they successfully complete the testing for English Language, By-Law, Streets/Roads and Common Buildings and Locations. If and when this amendment is approved, the applicant would be required to complete the National Standards Certification Program prior to a permanent limo drivers licence being issued.

June 25, 2004, the By-Law Rationalization Work Group, recommended all new driver applicants be required to complete the National Standards Certification Program. The working group also recommended that consideration be given making the National Standards Certification a requirement for all previously licenced taxi and limo drivers.

The following amendments would be required to By-Law T-108, Respecting The Regulations of Taxis and Limousines:

30. No person shall operate a limousine unless he or she holds a permanent taxi driver's licence or first obtains a permanent or conditional limousine driver's licence which shall be as set out in Form VII and shall be issued upon successful completion of an English language proficiency test and compliance with all other requirements of this bylaw which apply to limousine drivers.

~~31. Shall be omitted A person who submits satisfactory proof to the Inspector that he or she has had not less than 6 month's of continuous experience as a limousine driver at the date this bylaw comes into force shall not be required to complete the limousine driver's course and examination in order to qualify for a limousine driver's licence.~~

36. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, a taxi driver, accessible taxi driver and a limousine driver may hold either a conditional driver's licence or a permanent driver's licence.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, no person shall be issued a conditional driver's licence unless that person meets all other requirements of this By-Law applicable to taxi drivers, accessible taxi driver's or to limousine drivers as the case may be and:

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law, no person shall be issued a permanent taxi driver's licence or a permanent limousine driver's licence unless that person:

(a) has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (2) and all other requirements of this By-Law for drivers, and successfully completes the process prescribed by the National Standards Certification for Taxicab / Limousine Drivers, as in affect from time to time...

approved by Halifax Regional Municipality while being the holder of a valid

conditional driver's licence; or

If the Committee were to concur with the By-Law Rationalization Working Group recommendation "making the National Standards Certification a requirement for all previously licenced taxi and limo drivers", the following amendment would also have to be made:

Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law, no person shall renew a permanent taxi or limousine drivers licence unless that person has completed the National Standards Certification Program by January 1, 2008.

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

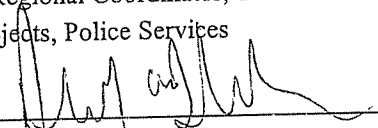
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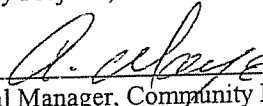
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Appendix A:

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**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-108**

RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS AND LIMOUSINES

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This By-law shall be known as By-law Number T-108 and may be cited as the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law".
2. This By-law shall apply to the County, Dartmouth and Halifax zones as defined herein.

PART ONE - DEFINITIONS AND ADMINISTRATION

DEFINITIONS

3. In this By-law:

"**committee**" means the Appeals Committee established pursuant to Halifax Regional Municipality By-law A-100, the Appeals Committee By-Law;

"**council**" means the Halifax Regional Municipality Regional council.

"**Chief Administrative Officer**" means the Chief Administrative Officer of the Halifax Regional Municipality.

"**driver**" means a taxi driver, accessible taxi driver or limousine driver.

"**accessible taxi**" means a taxi with a seating capacity of eight passengers or less, excluding the driver, designed and manufactured, or converted, for the purpose of transporting for hire passengers with physical disabilities, providing ease of entry to or egress from the vehicle in a safe and dignified manner by means of an on-board lift or ramp, and conforming with all sections of Canadian Standard Association D409: Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities;

"**accessible taxi driver**" means the operator of an accessible taxi as defined in this By-law;

"**Inspector**" means the Inspector of Licences appointed by Council by Administrative Order from time to time and unless the context indicates the contrary, includes any deputy or assistant or assistants to the Inspector duly authorized by the Council to perform the duties of the Inspector herein set out;

"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:

- (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.

"limousine driver" means the operator of a limousine for the purpose of transporting passengers for hire;

"Municipality" or **"municipality"** means the Halifax Regional Municipality;

"**operate**" means to operate or drive a taxi or limousine or accessible taxi, whether or not such vehicle is involved in the transportation of passengers for hire.

"**owner**" means a person who holds the legal title of a vehicle or in the event a vehicle is the subject of an agreement for the conditional sale or lease thereof with the right of purchase upon performance of the condition stated in the agreement and with an immediate right of possession vested in the conditional vendee or lessee, or in the event a mortgagor of a vehicle is entitled to possession, then the conditional vendee or lessee or mortgagor shall be deemed the owner for the purpose of this By-law.

"**Taxi**" means a vehicle used or intended to be used to carry passengers for hire other than a limousine, and which is required by this By-law to be equipped with a taxi rooflight and taxi meter, and unless the context indicates otherwise, includes an accessible taxi."

"**taxi meter**" means a mechanical or electronic apparatus or device for automatically measuring and registering the mileage traveled by a taxi cab and the fee corresponding to the mileage as hereinafter described in this by-law.

"**Dartmouth zone**" means the geographical area of the former City of Dartmouth

"**Halifax zone**" means the geographical area of the former City of Halifax

"**County zone**" means all that area of the Halifax Regional Municipality which is not within either the Dartmouth zone or the Halifax zone.

ADMINISTRATION

4. The Chief Administrative Officer shall have the general control, supervision and direction over the Inspector, any deputy or assistant(s) to such Inspector, and any officer or official carrying out any of the various duties set out in this By-law.

- INSPECTOR OF LICENCES

5. (a) The Council shall appoint an Inspector of Licences and may appoint one or more Deputy or Assistant Inspectors of Licences, who shall carry out the duties prescribed for that office by this By-law.

(b) The Inspector of Licences and any deputy or assistant Inspectors of Licences may be appointed Special Constables pursuant to the provisions of the Police Act.

6. The powers and duties of the Inspector shall be to:

(i) report to the Chief Administrative Officer respecting the performance of his/her

duties under this By-law whenever she/he is required by the Chief Administrative Officer to do so;

(ii) make all necessary inquiries concerning applications for licences

(iii) examine or cause to be examined all applicants for drivers' licences as to their ability to operate a vehicle for transporting passengers for hire and as to their compliance with all requirements of this Bylaw.

(iv) examine or cause to be examined every vehicle to be used as a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine;

(v) keep a register of all licences granted under the authority of this By-law containing the name and complete mailing address of each applicant and the date upon which the licence was issued;

(vi) issue any licence required by this By-law; provided the terms of this By-law have been met;

(vii) furnish every applicant for a licence with a copy of this By-law upon payment of the cost of same, and a card setting out the rates specified in Schedule 2 for the zone in which the applicant will be operating if a licence is granted;

(viii) determine by inspection and enquiry from time to time whether licensees and licensed vehicles continue to comply with the provisions of all applicable laws;

(ix) cause to be prosecuted in appropriate cases, persons who offend against any of the provisions of the law and of this By-law.

(x) supervise and direct any assistant or deputy Licence Inspectors who may be appointed and assign to them duties pursuant to this bylaw.

PART TWO - LICENCES

OWNER'S LICENCE

7. No person shall operate or, being the owner of a vehicle, shall permit such vehicle to be operated for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire unless such vehicle is licensed pursuant to this bylaw as a taxi, an accessible taxi or a limousine.

8. No person shall operate or, being the owner of a vehicle, shall permit to be operated as a taxi any such vehicle;

(i) which is not the subject of a valid taxi owner's licence in form I, which licence is conspicuously displayed on or above the doorpost, or on the rear portion of the front seat; and

(ii) which does not display permanently affixed on the left rear bumper thereof and maintained in a clearly visible condition so that it is visible from a following vehicle, a taxi bumper sticker for the current licence year and for the zone in which the taxi is licensed, issued by the Inspector in respect to such vehicle.

9. No person shall operate or permit to be operated an accessible taxi for the transportation of passengers for hire:

(i) which is not the subject of a valid accessible taxi owner licence in form II, which licence is conspicuously displayed on or above the doorpost, or on the rear portion of the front seat; and

(ii) which does not display permanently affixed on the left rear bumper thereof and maintained in a clearly visible condition so that it is visible from a following vehicle, a taxi bumper sticker for the current licence year, issued by the Inspector in respect to such vehicle.

10. No person shall operate or permit to be operated a limousine for the transportation of passengers for hire

(i) which is not the subject of a valid limousine owner licence in form III, and such licence is carried in the vehicle at all times, and is produced to the Inspector or to any peace officer on demand; and

(ii) which does not display permanently affixed on the left rear bumper thereof and maintained in a clearly visible condition so that it is visible from a following vehicle, a limousine bumper sticker for the current licence year, issued by the Inspector in relation to such vehicle.

11. (1) No taxi, accessible taxi or limousine owner's licence shall be granted hereunder unless and until:

(i) an application and statutory declaration in Form IV hereto is completed by the applicant for the licence;

(ii) adequate information concerning the applicant (including the business name under which the taxi, accessible taxi or limousine operates and the business address and business phone number within the Halifax Regional Municipality from which it is to operate) is supplied by her or him to satisfy the Inspector as to the qualification of the applicant for the licence;

(iii) such application is accompanied by payment to the Municipality of the annual fee for such licence as provided by Administrative Order;

(iv) the vehicle owned by the applicant which is to be licensed as a taxi,

accessible taxi or limousine is specified and meets the following requirements:

- (a) is equipped with an engine of at least four cylinders;
- (b) has been inspected by the Inspector, or any official appointed pursuant to this By-law for that purpose;
- (c) bears a valid Province of Nova Scotia motor vehicle safety sticker;
- (d) is insured in the amounts and with the coverage required by this By-law;
- (e) has a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least 45 inches;
- (f) has a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 54 inches;
- (g) has a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least 63 inches;
- (h) has first class repairs with no visible body fillers, rust, primer paint, accidental damage or similar defects;
- (i) for the 2002/2003 and subsequent licensing years, has a wheelbase measurement of at least 105 inches;

And in the case of a taxi, is a four door sedan or a four-door station wagon;

And in the case of either an accessible taxi or a limousine, meets the above requirements and meets the definitions for such vehicles contained in Section 3; and

(v) The applicant deposits with the Inspector for the vehicle to be used as a taxi, an accessible taxi or limousine an automobile insurance policy providing public liability insurance, passenger hazard insurance, and property damage insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 without any limit on any particular claim up to the herein mentioned amount regardless of the number of persons involved or the nature of the damage.

(vi) The applicant deposits with the Inspector written proof that the applicant has requested the insurance company issuing the insurance policy pursuant to clause (v) to advise the Inspector of any change to the coverage and terms of the insurance policy issued to the applicant and to notify the Inspector when the insurance policy is no longer in effect.

- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection (1), a taxi and accessible taxi owner whose vehicle is licensed as of February 20, 2001 and continuously licensed thereafter shall not be required to upgrade the vehicle to comply with the

requirements of sub-clauses (e) through (g) of clause (iv) thereof provided that the vehicle meets all the other requirements of this By-law.

(3) A vehicle shall not be licensed as a limousine and a taxi at the same time.

12. In addition to the insurance requirements set out in subsection (v) of section 12, the owner of an accessible taxi shall provide a policy of insurance which shall expressly include coverage against all loss, damage and claims arising out of or in connection with the loading or unloading or transporting of handicapped persons.

13. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 12, a licence may be issued for a vehicle commonly known as a "mini van", provided that:

(a) the vehicle is designed for the transportation of not more than seven passengers excluding the driver;

(b) the vehicle has four side doors [excluding the back hatch door];

(c) the vehicle meets all of the requirements for a taxi set out above except that it is not a four door sedan or four door station wagon.

14. Owner's licences shall specify a business name under which the licensed vehicle is to be operated and shall specify the civic address within Halifax Regional Municipality from which the licensed vehicle is to be operated.

15. It shall be an offence to operate any taxi, limousine or accessible taxi under any business name other than the name specified in the owner's licence.

16. It shall be an offence to operate any taxi, limousine or accessible taxi from an address other than the one specified in the owner's licence.

17. A taxi, limousine or accessible taxi owner shall not change the business name under which the vehicle is operated without notifying the Inspector of such change in writing not less than three days (not including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) before such change.

18. An owner of a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine shall, on a form approved by the Inspector, notify the Inspector forthwith of any change in the Provincial Registration of her/his vehicle.

19. (1) An owner of a taxi or accessible taxi shall not permit any person to operate her/his taxi to transport passengers or parcels for hire or to seek employment as a taxi driver, unless such person is in possession of a valid taxi driver's licence for the zone in which the taxi is licensed to operate, or accessible taxi driver's licence, as the case may be.

(2) An owner of a limousine shall not permit any person to operate her/his limousine to transport passengers for hire or to seek employment as a limousine driver, unless such person is in possession of a valid limousine driver's licence, or a valid permanent taxi driver's licence.

20. A licence granted to an owner of a vehicle to be used to transport passengers for hire

shall also be a licence to transport parcels, boxes, packages, or other articles of whatsoever nature, at the rates specified in this By-law for the transporting of passengers, in the absence of a passenger or passengers in such vehicle.

21. (1) A taxi owner's licence may be renewed upon appearance by the applicant for renewal at the office of the Inspector in person, and by payment of the annual licence fee prescribed by Council by Administrative Order, provided that the licence holder and the vehicle to which the licence relates continue to meet all of the requirements of this By-law.

(2) The requirement for an owner licence holder to appear in person before the Inspector in order to renew a licence may be waived if the applicant submits satisfactory proof of inability to attend due to illness or injury, which evidence may be in the form of a certificate of a physician licensed to practice in the Province of Nova Scotia..

22. (1) A taxi or limousine owner shall maintain the insurance policy referred to in clause (v) of sub-section (1) of Section 12 in force, and shall provide to the Inspector upon demand from time to time evidence that the policy remains in force.

(2) The owner shall require the agent or the insurance company issuing the insurance policy to immediately notify the Inspector of any changes in coverage or the cancellation of any insurance policy referred to in Clause (v) of subsection (1) of Section 12 and the agent or the insurance company shall immediately notify the Inspector of any such change or cancellation.

(3) Compliance with subsection (1) shall be a condition of the owner's licence remaining in force, and the Inspector shall immediately cancel the taxi or limousine owner's licence for a vehicle if the Inspector becomes aware that insurance meeting the requirement of clause (v) of subsection (1) of Section 12 is no longer in force in respect of the vehicle.

(4) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (3), if a taxi or limousine owner submits to the Inspector satisfactory proof of inability to operate a vehicle licensed to the owner due to injury or illness, which evidence may be in the form of a certificate of a physician licensed to practice in the Province of Nova Scotia, the owner may give notice in writing to the Inspector that the vehicle will not be operated as a taxi or limousine, and may allow the insurance to lapse, and the licence shall thereupon be suspended until the licence holder submits satisfactory proof to the Inspector that the insurance has been reinstated or renewed.

23. A taxi owner's licence may be transferred from one vehicle to another vehicle which complies with the requirements of this By-law, upon application.

24. A taxi owner licence shall not be transferable.

25. Every owner of an accessible taxi shall ensure that each driver of such taxi is physically capable of assisting in the loading and unloading of persons confined to wheelchairs.

26. Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, no provision hereof is intended to, or shall have the effect of, limiting either directly or indirectly the number of vehicles or the number of drivers of accessible taxis in the municipality or in any zone thereof.

DRIVER'S LICENCES

27. No person shall:

(a) Transport passengers for hire in or through any highway, street, road, lane, alley, taxi stand or other public place in the municipality;

(b) Be on any highway, street, road, lane, alley, taxi stand or other public place in the municipality in control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of obtaining employment as a taxi driver accessible taxi driver or limousine driver by way of radio messages or any other means; or

(c) Wait at any location in the municipality, whether in a public place or a private place, in the control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of obtaining employment as a taxi driver accessible taxi driver or limousine driver by way of radio messages or any other means; unless such person is in possession of a valid taxi driver's licence, accessible taxi driver's licence or limousine driver's licence [as the case may be] under this By-law which is conspicuously displayed in the motor vehicle and is readily visible to any passengers who may be in the vehicle.

28. No person shall operate a taxi unless he or she first obtains a permanent or conditional taxi driver's licence which shall be as set out in Form V.

29. No person shall operate an accessible taxi unless he or she first obtains a permanent or conditional accessible taxi driver's licence which shall be as set out in Form VI.

30. No person shall operate a limousine unless he or she holds a permanent taxi driver's licence or first obtains a limousine driver's licence which shall be as set out in Form VII and shall be issued upon successful completion of an English language proficiency test and a limousine driver's course approved by Halifax Regional Municipality and upon compliance with all other requirements of this bylaw which apply to limousine drivers.

31. A person who submits satisfactory proof to the Inspector that he or she has had not less than 6 months of continuous experience as a limousine driver at the date this bylaw comes into force shall not be required to complete the limousine driver's course and examination in order to qualify for a limousine driver's licence.

32. Any person in control of a motor vehicle which displays a taxi roof sign which is not covered, and is on any highway, street, road, lane, alley, taxi stand or at any other public place in the Municipality, or who is found waiting with any such motor vehicle at any location in the Municipality, shall be deemed to be seeking employment as a taxi driver or as an accessible taxi driver, as the case may be.

33. Every taxi driver, accessible taxi driver and limousine driver shall have as his or her place of business a business address and business phone number within Halifax Regional Municipality and shall notify the Inspector within three days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) of

any change of the business address from which he or she operates, and of any change of residential address.

34. Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, the Inspector may refuse to grant either an owner's licence or a driver's licence to an applicant who, in the opinion of the Inspector is not a fit and proper person to hold such licence; provided, however, that any person who has been refused a licence by the Inspector may appeal to the Committee, which may confirm such refusal or may order that a licence be granted.

35. No conditional or permanent taxi driver's licence, accessible taxi driver's licence, or limousine driver's licence shall be granted unless and until:

(a) An application and Statutory Declaration as required by this By-law are made by the applicant;

(b) The applicant submits two professional quality photographs of himself or herself, size two inches by two inches, which are clear and well-defined showing a full front view of head and shoulders without head covering, taken against a plain white background without shadows, one to be retained by the Inspector of Licences with the applicant's file and the other to be placed on the taxi licence, if it is granted. The photographs shall have been taken not less than one month before the date of the application and shall allow a clear and positive identification of the applicant at the time the application is made. Photographs subject to fading or sensitive to heat are not acceptable;

(c) The applicant causes the Registry of Motor Vehicles to provide to the Inspector an abstract of his or her driving record which is dated within 30 days of the date of application;

(d) The applicant is in possession of and submits for examination a valid and unexpired class 4 driver's licence issued under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle Act;

(e) The applicant pays to the Municipality at the time of the application

(i) the annual fee for the appropriate driver's license as prescribed by Administrative Order 15;

(ii) the cost of the English language proficiency testing; and

(iii) the cost of any applicable driver's process required to be taken pursuant to this By-law.

(f) The applicant provides a satisfactory criminal records report from Halifax Regional Police Service, from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or from another appropriate police agency which is sufficient in the opinion of the Inspector to satisfy him or her that the applicant is not an unfit or improper person to hold a licence by virtue of past misconduct.

36. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, a taxi driver and an accessible taxi driver may hold either a conditional driver's licence or a permanent driver's licence.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, no person shall be issued a conditional driver's licence unless that person meets all other requirements of this By-Law applicable to taxi drivers or to accessible taxi drivers as the case may be and:

(a) demonstrates sufficient English language fluency to permit the applicant to carry out his or her responsibilities as a driver competently, by passing an English language proficiency test established by Halifax Regional Municipality; and

(b) after successfully completing the English language proficiency test referred to in clause (a), the applicant successfully completes an examination on the Taxi By-law and on the location of streets and prominent buildings and locations in the entire municipality but with emphasis on the specific zone for which the applicant is applying.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law, no person shall be issued a permanent taxi driver's licence unless that person:

(a) has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (2) and all other requirements of this By-Law for drivers, and successfully completes the process prescribed by the National Standards for Taxicab Driver (ISBN-1-896000-27-4, 1st Edition, Printed December, 1996)

approved by Halifax Regional Municipality while being the holder of a valid conditional driver's licence; or

(b) held a permanent driver's licence at the time this taxi By-Law came into force.

37. (1) A person who has successfully satisfied the language proficiency requirements of section 37(2)(a) when applying for a driver licence in one zone shall not be required to repeat those requirements when applying for a driver's licence in another zone.

(2) A person who has successfully completed the process pursuant to section 37(3)(a) shall not be required to repeat that process when applying for a driver's licence in another zone.

38. (1) A conditional driver's licence shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance, unless sooner suspended or revoked pursuant to this Bylaw, and shall thereupon expire if the licensee has not obtained a permanent driver's licence.

(2) No person who has held a conditional driver's licence shall be granted another conditional driver's licence within twelve months of the expiration or revocation of the previous licence.

39A If an applicant twice fails to successfully complete an examination on the location of streets and prominent buildings and locations, the applicant shall not be permitted to attempt the examination again for a period of one year from the date on which the applicant last attempted the examination and if the applicant fails to successfully complete the

examination on any subsequent occasion, the applicant shall not be permitted to attempt the examination again for a period of one year from the date on which the applicant last attempted the examination.

40. A taxi, accessible taxi, or limousine driver's licence shall not be granted when:

(a) an order has been made against the applicant prohibiting the possession of any firearm or any ammunition or explosive substance pursuant to section 100 of the Criminal Code of Canada, during the term of such order; or

(b) The applicant has been convicted of an indictable offence in the commission of which violence against a person was used, threatened or attempted and for which the offender may be sentenced to imprisonment for 10 years or more and the applicant has been released from imprisonment for the offence:

(i) in the case of a first offence, within 5 years of making application for a driver's licence; and

(ii) in any other case, within 10 years of making application for a driver's licence.

(c) The applicant has been convicted of an offence involving the illegal sale of liquor or drugs or the illegal possession of liquor or drugs for the purpose of sale or trafficking while holding a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine driver's licence or within a period of two years immediately preceding the date of application for a driver's licence.

(d) The applicant has a driving record which in the opinion of the Inspector makes him or her unfit to operate a taxi, accessible taxi, or limousine, as the case may be.

(e) The person has a criminal record in another country or jurisdiction which is similar in nature to the provisions described in subclause (a) (b) or (c).

41. A taxi, accessible taxi, or limousine driver's licence shall not be transferable.

42. All drivers of taxis and accessible taxis licensed under this By-law shall comply with the following:

(a) Every driver while in control of a taxi or accessible taxi shall wear a shirt or military type blouse with a collar and sleeves (no T-shirts), ankle-length trousers, or dress shorts which are worn within at least three inches of the knee, socks and shoes, which clothing shall be in a neat and tidy condition at all times. Every female driver may, in place of ankle-length trousers, wear a skirt.

(b) A driver shall not permit any additional passengers in his or her taxi or accessible taxi without the consent of the passenger who first engaged him or her. The carrying of passengers for separate fares is prohibited.

(c) Every driver, unless engaged by a passenger, shall upon being applied to in person or by telephone place himself or herself and his or her taxi or accessible taxi at the disposal of the person so applying and shall proceed to any place in the municipality as directed, provided that a driver may refuse to drive a person whose conduct may cause a driver to fear for his or her safety.

(d) Every driver shall transport any personal luggage accompanying any passenger and shall place the luggage in and out of the taxi or accessible taxi for the passenger if requested to do so, except where the refusal to do so is justified by physical limitations or disabilities of the driver, and notice of such physical limitations or disabilities has been filed with the Inspector.

(e) Every driver who engages to be at any particular place at a particular time, whether by day or by night, shall be punctual in attendance at the specified time of his or her engagement.

(f) The driver may determine whether persons may smoke, eat or drink while passengers in his or her vehicle, and may also determine where the passenger is to sit.

(g) A driver shall not, while in control of a taxi or accessible taxi use abusive or insulting language.

(h) A driver shall at all times, while in control of a taxi or an accessible taxi in any public place, conduct himself or herself in an orderly manner and shall not be noisy.

(i) A driver may solicit passengers for his or her taxi or accessible taxi but such solicitation shall not be made by calling out or shouting or in any other noisy or disorderly manner.

(j) Every driver shall proceed to the destination indicated by his or her passenger by the quickest route which shall result in the lowest fare being charged for the trip, provided however, that he or she may take another route if directed to do so by the passenger.

(k) A driver shall not refuse to carry a disabled passenger except where such refusal is justified by physical limitations or disabilities of the driver, and notice of such physical limitations or disabilities has been filed with the Inspector.

(l) A driver shall refrain from smoking during a trip if requested to do so by a passenger.

43. (1) A driver's licence may be renewed upon payment of the annual licence fee prescribed by Council by Administrative Order, provided that the licence holder continues to meet all of the requirements of this By-law.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), commencing the first day of January, 2004, in any year other than the year in which the applicant's motor vehicle driver's license is renewed or due for renewal by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for the Province of Nova Scotia, the applicant for the renewal of a driver's license, in lieu of a criminal records report from the appropriate police agency as required by clause (f) of Section 36, may file with the Inspector a Statutory Declaration by the applicant stating that an order as described in clause (a) of Section 40 of this Bylaw is not in effect as of the date of the application for renewal and that the applicant has not been convicted of an offense described in clause (b), (c) or (e) of Section 40 of this Bylaw since the date that a criminal report was last filed with

the Inspector.

(3) If an applicant makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration filed with the Inspector pursuant to subsection (2), the Inspector, in addition to any penalty prescribed by Section 74 of this Bylaw, shall refuse to issue a driver's license to the applicant or shall revoke the driver's license issued to the applicant immediately upon the Inspector becoming aware of the false statement and the applicant shall thereafter not be eligible to make application for or to be granted a driver's or an owner's license pursuant to this Bylaw for a period of five (5) years from the refusal or revocation of the license.

44. Every driver of an accessible taxi shall render all assistance required by a disabled passenger or any passenger confined to a wheelchair, to enter and exit the taxi safely.

45. No person shall represent a taxi, accessible taxi or a to be non-smoking or smoke-free if the vehicle has been smoked in while in the ownership of the current owner.

ZONES

46. **NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS BY-LAW, OR ANY PROVISION OF ANY OTHER BY-LAW OF THE HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY:**

(a) A driver licensed as a taxi driver pursuant to this By-law may pick up or accept a passenger in the zone in which the vehicle is licensed and transport such passenger to any location within the said zone or in any other zone in the municipality.

(b) It shall be an offence for a driver licensed under this By-law other than an accessible taxi driver, to pick up or to accept a passenger in any zone other than the zone in which the vehicle is licensed and to carry that passenger to another location within that zone.

(c) it shall be an offence for a taxi driver to operate a taxi unless he or she holds a valid taxi driver licence for the zone in which the taxi is licensed.

(d) a vehicle may only be licensed as a taxi in one zone within the municipality at a time.

LICENCE TERM

47. (1) Licences issued pursuant to this bylaw shall expire on the renewal date for the zone which applies to the licence, which shall be as follows:

- (1) County zone: 31 May each year.
- (2) Dartmouth zone: 31 October each year
- (3) Halifax zone: 30 April each year

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), licenses issued in the Halifax zone beginning in the 2001/2002 license year shall expire on the birth day of the license holder next following April 30, 2001 and thereafter annually on the anniversary of the birth day of the license holder, provided that on the first renewal in 2001/2002 the annual fee shall be prorated in accordance with the number of full and partial months from April 30, 2001 to the date of the expiry of the license.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (1), licenses issued in the Dartmouth zone beginning in the 2001/2002 license year shall expire on the birth day of the license holder next following October 31, 2001 and thereafter annually on the anniversary of the birth day of the license holder, provided that on the first renewal in 2001/2002 the annual fee shall be prorated in accordance with the number of full and partial months from October 31, 2001 to the date of expiry of the license.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (1), licenses issued in the County zone beginning in the 2001/2002 license year shall expire on the birth day of the license holder next following May 31, 2001 and thereafter annually on the anniversary of the birth day of the license holder, provided that on the first renewal in 2001/2002 the annual fee shall be prorated in accordance with the number of full and partial months from May 31, 2001 to the date of the expiry of the license.

(5) Notwithstanding the applicable provisions of Administrative Order 15, the license fees for the partial and first full license terms under subsections (2) through (4) shall be \$48.00 per annum or \$4.00 per month.

(6) A license issued pursuant to this Section shall bear the expiry date of the license.

(7) Where a taxi or limousine is owned by more than one individual, the owners shall designate one individual as the owner for purposes of determining the expiry date of the license.

(8) Where a taxi or limousine is owned by a corporation, the owner, on the first renewal of an owner's license for that corporation pursuant to subsections (2) through (4), shall select a renewal date for owner's licenses for the corporation and thereafter all owner's license held by the corporation shall expire on the date selected.

(9) Where a taxi or limousine is owned by an individual whose birth day falls during the months of November, December, January, February, March or April, the individual may elect to renew their owner's license on the day of the month corresponding to their birth day in the months of May, June, July, August, September or October respectively, such election to be made on the first renewal of an owner's license pursuant to subsections (2) through (4) and at the same time the individual may elect to renew their driver's license on the same date, and thereafter all licenses held by the individual shall expire on the date elected.

48. Licences may be renewed at any time during a grace period of thirty days following the expiry date specified in section 47, provided if the applicant's vehicle has been involved in an accident and damaged such that the vehicle cannot be operated as a taxi or limousine, as the case may be, such damage to be certified by an adjuster's for the applicant's insurer, the grace period will be extended during the period that the vehicle may not be so used to a maximum of six months.

49. No licence fee is refundable upon suspension, revocation or termination for any reason of any licence granted under this By-law.

50. Licences which have been destroyed, lost or stolen may be replaced upon sufficient proof of destruction or loss being presented to the Inspector and upon payment of a replacement fee in the amount prescribed by Council by Administrative Order.

51. (1) Notwithstanding any limitation on the numbers of licences which may be issued in any zone, an owner's licence or a driver's licence which has expired and has not been renewed due to illness or injury suffered by the licensee may be renewed at any time, upon presentation to the Inspector of satisfactory evidence that the applicant for renewal was prevented by illness or injury during the entire period in question, in the case of a driver's licence, from being able to operate a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine, as the case may be, and in the case of an owner's licence, from being able to renew the licence. Satisfactory evidence may be in the form of a certificate by a physician licensed to practice in Nova Scotia.

(2) Subsection (1)

(a) shall not apply to a license which has expired and not renewed due to an illness or injury prior to February 24, 1998; and

(b) shall only apply to a license which has expired and not renewed due to illness or injury between February 24, 1998 and February 23, 2001, if the owner or driver applied to renew the owner or driver's license within three years of the date of expiration of the license;

provided that this subsection will not cause a license not to be issued or an issued license to be revoked in respect of any owner or driver who filed with the Inspector proof of illness or injury meeting the conditions of subsection (1) prior to the effective date of this subsection.

PART 3 - TAXI SIGNS AND TAXI METERS

- TAXI SIGNS

52. No vehicle shall be the subject of a taxi owner's licence or accessible taxi owner's licence or shall be operated as a taxi or accessible taxi unless it is equipped with a sign affixed to the roof of such taxi capable of being illuminated electrically from within such sign; provided however, that an accessible taxi may be operated without such a sign affixed to the roof, if the accessible taxi has markings on both sides of the vehicle showing the business name under which the taxi is being operated, the taxi license number and the zone for which the taxi is licensed.

53. Taxi signs:

(a) shall be of the size, colour, design and style for the zone for which the taxi owner licence has been issued as set out in Schedule 1 to this By-law and shall bear the taxi licence number and identification of the zone in the manner set out in the Schedule;

(b) shall bear the business name under which the taxi is being operated in the location and manner set out in Schedule 1 to this By-law for the zone for which the taxi owner licence has been issued;

(c) shall be equipped with one or more number 1156 clear bulbs or a fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light mounted in the interior of the sign, which shall be

either

- (1) connected to the electrical system of the taxi in such a manner that it is illuminated at the same time as the headlights of the vehicle are turned on;
or
- (2) capable of being switched on and off by the operator of the vehicle, in which case the sign shall be illuminated when the vehicle is being operated as a taxi and the headlights of the vehicle are required by law to be on.
- (d) shall be located as near as is possible to the centre of the roof of the vehicle and shall be positioned such that the front of the sign as illustrated in Schedule 1 is facing the front of the vehicle.

54. The sign required by this section shall be removed from the roof or covered by opaque material when the vehicle is not in service as a taxi.

TAXI METERS AND TAXI FARES

55. Every taxi driver shall charge the fares set out in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

56. Every taxi driver or taxi owner who receives or demands a fare greater or less than that registered upon the taxi meter in the taxi, or not according to the fares set out in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39 shall be guilty of an offence under this By-law, provided, however, that it shall not be an offence for a driver to accept a gratuity voluntarily offered by a passenger. For greater certainty, no taxi driver shall demand any additional fare for the transportation of wheelchairs, walkers or dog guides accompanying disabled passengers, or for escorting disabled passengers to and from the first accessible door of their pick-up or destination.

56A. Notwithstanding Sections 55 and 56 of this By-law, a taxi driver

- (a) transporting cruise ship passengers from the cruise ship compound at the Halifax Port Corporation property to the destinations outlined in Schedule 2 of Administrative Order 39 may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule; and
- (b) transporting passengers to or from the Halifax International Airport to the destinations outlined in Schedule 3 of Administrative Order 39 may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule.

57. Every taxi driver shall post a copy of the tariff of fares as set out in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39 and, if the driver charges the fares pursuant to Schedules 2 and 3 of Administrative Order 39, a copy of the tariff of fares as set out in those Schedules in a place inside the taxi where such fares are clearly visible to passengers.

58. No vehicle shall be licensed as a taxi or shall be operated as a taxi unless it has installed within it a single taxi meter with a single tariff only which shall be connected to, and operated from, one of the front wheels of the taxi or from the transmission or drive shaft and shall be so regulated as to show the correct fare for transporting passengers

or goods as set out in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

59. The taxi meter shall meet the following specifications:

(a) It shall be equipped with a timing device which shall register the fare while the taxi is engaged but not in motion in accordance with the fare schedule for the zone in which the vehicle is licensed.

(b) It shall be placed in the taxi so that the fare registered on the taxi meter is clearly visible to passengers at all times, and the taxi meter shall be illuminated by a suitable light while in operation at night;

(c) The cover and gear of the taxi meter shall be kept sealed and intact; and

(d) The taxi meter shall not be calibrated to register any fare which is not in accordance with Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

60. The holder of a taxi owner licence shall, at his or her own expense, provide to the Inspector a certificate stating that the taxi meter is properly calibrated to show the fares set out in the fare schedule.

61. The Inspector may refuse to accept a certificate if in her or his opinion it cannot be relied upon.

62. Every taxi driver who transports any passenger or article for hire shall ensure that the taxi meter operates during the entire period of such transportation unless the driver has made an agreement with the passenger for transportation at the hourly rate provided for in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39, the driver charges the fares pursuant to Schedules 2 and 3 of Administrative Order 39 or unless there is a contract in force pursuant to the schedule for the transportation of the passenger.

63. The Inspector or any person appointed by the Inspector may at any time inspect any taxi meter which is installed in a taxi and may apply such tests to the taxi and meter as may be necessary to ascertain the accuracy of the taxi meter.

64. It shall be an offence for any person who has possession or custody of the taxi meter to fail to allow such tests or to hinder such tests being conducted.

65. The owner of a taxi who operates or permits the same to be operated as a taxi and in which is installed a taxi meter which shows a variation in the correctness of the fare thereof of more than five per cent shall be guilty of an offence.

66. If any taxi driver or taxi owner fails to allow such tests or hinders such tests being conducted, the Inspector shall suspend the licence of the owner of the taxi forthwith, and shall suspend the licence of any such driver forthwith, and any licence or licences suspended hereunder shall remain suspended at least until the tests are completed.

67. The licence of a taxi owner who has violated section 62 of this By-law shall be suspended and may be reinstated, subject to any other penalty, continued suspension, or revocation pursuant to this bylaw which is appropriate in the circumstances in the judgement of the Inspector, when the owner satisfies the Inspector that the taxi is equipped with a properly installed and calibrated taxi meter.

68. The provisions of Part 3 shall apply to taxis and accessible taxis and to the drivers and owners thereof.

PART 4 - COMMON TAXI STANDS/ SOLICITATION OF BUSINESS

69. The Traffic Authority for the Municipality may establish Common Stands for taxis and accessible taxis on such streets and in such places and numbers as he or she shall determine to be of the greatest benefit and convenience to the public and such Common Taxi Stands shall be designated by appropriate signs as provided for in the Motor Vehicle Act.

70. Common stands shall be available for use by any licensed driver operating a taxi or accessible taxi which is the subject of a taxi owner's licence for the zone in which the stand is located.

71. Taxi and accessible taxi drivers who use Common Stands shall be subject to the following regulations:

(a) any driver whose vehicle is available for hire may take a position with his or her vehicle at any Common Stand where there is a vacancy;

(b) a driver entering a Common Stand shall take his or her position at the rear of the last taxi or accessible taxi which is in line at the stand;

(c) whenever a taxi or accessible taxi leaves the stand, all other drivers shall move their vehicles ahead;

(d) all drivers shall move their vehicles when necessary to allow the departure from the stand of any other taxi or accessible taxi;

(e) no driver while parked at a Common Stand shall:

(i) leave his or her vehicle unattended; or

(ii) obstruct the exit of another vehicle whose driver indicates a desire to leave the stand.

(f) no driver shall interfere with the free selection by any passenger of any vehicle at the stand.

PART 5 - SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS AND APPEALS

SUSPENSION/ REVOCATION OF LICENCES

72. (1) The Inspector shall have the authority to, and may suspend or revoke the licence of any owner or driver of a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine who has been convicted of any violation of the Criminal Code of Canada, the Nova Scotia Liquor Control Act, the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act or this By-law, which violation, in the opinion of the Inspector, renders the owner or driver of the taxi, accessible taxi or limousine an unfit or improper person to hold said licence; or when such owner

or driver has, to the knowledge of the Inspector, committed any act or acts which, in the opinion of the Inspector, renders such taxi, accessible taxi or limousine owner or driver an unfit or improper person to hold such licence.

(2) If at any time a person holding a driver's licence under this By-law ceases to hold a valid class four driver's licence for the Province of Nova Scotia, the driver's licence issued pursuant to this By-Law shall be deemed suspended and shall be surrendered forthwith to the Inspector.

(3) A person whose driver's licence or owner's licence is suspended pursuant to this section may apply for reinstatement when:

(a) the period of suspension of the Provincial Chauffeur's licence has expired; or

(b) the Provincial Chauffeur's licence is renewed or reinstated as the case may be.

(4) The Inspector shall suspend an owner's licence forthwith upon having reasonable and probable grounds to believe that the licensed vehicle is not covered by insurance as required by this By-law.

(5) An owner's licence which has been suspended pursuant to clause (4) may be re-instated subject to any other penalty, suspension or revocation pursuant to this bylaw which is appropriate in the circumstances in the judgement of the Inspector, upon satisfactory proof of insurance being submitted to the Inspector.

(6) No licence shall be revoked without giving notice to the licence holder and an opportunity to be heard.

(7) The notice required in this section shall be deemed to have been served if sent by registered mail to the licence holder at the address of the place of business shown on the application.

(8) The Inspector may suspend a licence temporarily pending a hearing on a proposed revocation of the licence, where in the opinion of the Inspector, such suspension is required in the public interest.

(9) The Inspector may order a driver to take remedial sensitivity training in relation to the provision of service to disabled persons if in the opinion of the Inspector such remedial training is justified by complaints from or on behalf of a disabled person or persons.

APPEALS *(SEE A-100)***

73. (1) Any person whose application for a licence under this By-law is refused by the

Inspector, or any person whose licence or permit under this By-law is suspended or revoked by the Inspector, may appeal from such refusal, suspension or revocation to the Committee.

(2) No appeal shall be taken from any decision of the Inspector except upon written notice of appeal being served upon the Inspector, within 15 days from the decision appealed from.

(3) The Committee shall hear the Appellant and may:

(a) confirm or vary the decision of the Inspector;

(b) order that a licence be revoked and surrendered; or

(c) order that a licence be granted or reinstated, with or without conditions.

(4) The Committee may order that a licence be granted or reinstated subject to the appellant passing any tests provided for in this By-law or proving that he or she meets any qualifications or requirements of this By-law.

OFFENSES AND PENALTIES

74. Any person who makes a false or misleading statement in an application for a licence or in any other document which an applicant or licence holder is required to file with the Inspector shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) and not more than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and in default of payment to imprisonment for a term of not more than thirty days.

75. Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this By-law shall on conviction be guilty of an offence against this By-Law and shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in section 299 of the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

76. A person who is alleged to have violated this By-law and is given notice of the alleged violation may pay a penalty in the amount of \$25.00 to the Halifax Regional Municipality provided that said payment is made within a period of fourteen (14) days following the day on which the alleged violation was committed and where the said notice so provides for payment in this manner, and such payment shall be in full satisfaction, releasing and discharging all penalties and imprisonments incurred by the person for said violation.

PART 6 - LIMITATIONS

TAXI OWNER LICENCE LIMITATIONS

77. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, there shall be a limit of six hundred and ten taxi owner licences in force in the Halifax zone at any time.
- (2) The Inspector shall not issue a new taxi owner licence until the number of such licences falls below the number prescribed by subsection (1), at which time a further number of such licenses may be issued until the number again reaches the number prescribed by subsection (1).
- (3) Effective the date this Section comes into effect, the Inspector shall create a waiting list of taxi drivers licensed in the Halifax zone on that date who do not presently hold a taxi owner license in any zone in the Halifax Regional Municipality in their own name or in the name of a corporation of which the taxi driver is a shareholder, with the names of the drivers added to the list in the following order of seniority:
- (a) The name of the taxi driver first drawn by lot from the names of all licensed taxi driver's first licensed during the calendar year 1995 shall be the first name added to the list; the name of the taxi driver second drawn shall be the second name added and so on until there are no further names of licensed taxi driver's first licensed during the calendar year 1995; and then
- (b) the procedure followed in sub-clause (a) shall be followed in respect of any taxi drivers first licensed during the calendar year 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001 and during 2002 to the effective date of this Section, respectively; and then
- (c) the procedure followed in sub-clause (a) shall be followed in respect of any taxi drivers licensed prior to 1991 and each of the calendar years 191, 1992, 1993, and 1994 respectively.
- (4) When any taxi driver who does not on the effective date of this Section hold a taxi license in their own name or in the name of a corporation of which the taxi driver is a shareholder are first licensed in the Halifax zone subsequent to the effective date of this Section, the name of the driver shall be added to the end of the waiting list developed pursuant to subsection (3) in order of the date of the issuance of the taxi driver's license.
- (5) Whenever new taxi owner licenses can be issued as a result of the total number of licenses in the Halifax zone falling below the number prescribed by subsection (1), persons who names are on the waiting list shall be offered the first opportunity to obtain a license in order of their seniority and

- (a) The Inspector shall notify such person forthwith by registered mail addressed to the mailing address of the driver maintained by the License Inspector and the person shall complete all of the requirement for licensing a vehicle pursuant to this by law within 30 days of delivery of the notification, provided that any vehicle presented for licensing pursuant to this sub-clause during the 2002 calendar year shall meet the 2002 licensing standards; and
 - (b) If the vehicle is licensed pursuant to sub-clause (a), the name of the person shall be removed from the waiting list; but
 - (c) If the person does not license a vehicle pursuant to sub-clause (a), the name of the person shall be moved to the end of the waiting list and the license shall be offered to the person being entitled to license a vehicle in order of seniority and the procedure set out herein shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such person.
- (6) When a taxi owner's license is issued to a taxi driver pursuant to this Section who is not nationally certified pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 82 of this By-law, the taxi driver shall register for and successfully complete the national certification process pursuant to said subsection (1) of Section 82 of this By-law within one year of the obtaining the taxi owner's license and if the taxi driver fails to obtain such certification within that time, the License Inspector shall immediately revoke the taxi owner's license issued pursuant to this Section and the name of the taxi driver shall be moved to the end of the waiting list.
 - (7) Any taxi owner license which is revoked or surrendered, or which ceases to be in force for any reason other than expiration, shall not be renewed or reissued unless the issuance of such licence will not result in the number of licenses exceeding the number prescribed by subsection (1).
 - (8) When a taxi driver's license is cancelled, revoked, surrendered or otherwise lapses, on the conclusion of any applicable appeal process, if the name of the driver is on the waiting list, the name of the taxi driver shall be removed, and if the driver subsequently becomes licensed as a driver in the Halifax zone, the name of the driver shall be added to the end of the waiting list in accordance with subsection (4)
- 78. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law there shall be a limit of two hundred taxi owner licences in force in the Dartmouth zone at any time.
 - (2) The Inspector shall not issue a new taxi owner licence until the number of such licences falls below two hundred, at which time further such licences may be issued until the number again reaches two hundred.

- (3) Any taxi owner licence which is revoked or surrendered or which ceases to be in force for any reason other than expiration, shall not be renewed or reissued unless the issuance of such licence will not result in the number of licences exceeding two hundred.
 - (4) Where the Inspector receives an application for a taxi owner licence which cannot be issued because of the provisions of this section, he or she shall maintain a waiting list, in order of receipt of applications and shall process the applications in the order in which they were received, as the number of licences in force falls below two hundred.
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- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, there shall be a limit of one hundred and ninety taxi owner licences in force in the County zone at any time.
 - (2) The Inspector shall not issue a new taxi owner licence until the number of such licences falls below the number prescribed by subsection (1), at which time a further number of such licenses may be issued until the number again reaches the number prescribed by subsection (1).
 - (3) Effective the date this Section comes into effect, the Inspector shall create a waiting list of taxi drivers licensed in the County zone on that date who do not presently hold a taxi owner license in any zone in the Halifax Regional Municipality in their own name or in the name of a corporation of which the taxi driver is a shareholder, with the names of the drivers added to the list in the following order of seniority, namely, the name of the taxi driver first drawn by lot from the names of all licensed taxi drivers not holding owner's licenses shall be the first name added to the list; the name of the taxi driver second drawn shall be the second name added and so on until there are no further names of licensed taxi drivers not holding owner's licenses.
 - (4) When any taxi driver who does not hold a taxi owner's license in their own name or in the name of a corporation of which the taxi driver is a shareholder is first licensed in the County zone subsequent to the effective date of this Section, and the driver applies to have their name added to the list, the Inspector shall add the name of the driver to the end of the waiting list developed pursuant to subsection (3) in order of the date of the application..
 - (5) Whenever new taxi owner licenses can be issued as a result of the total number of licenses in the County zone falling below the number prescribed by subsection (1), persons who names are on the waiting list shall be offered the first opportunity to obtain a license in order of their seniority and
 - (a) The Inspector shall notify such person forthwith by registered mail addressed to the mailing address of the driver maintained by the License Inspector and the person shall complete all of the requirement for licensing a vehicle pursuant

to this by law within 30 days of delivery of the notification; and

- (b) If the vehicle is licensed pursuant to sub-clause (a), the name of the person shall be removed from the waiting list; but
 - (c) If the person does not license a vehicle pursuant to sub-clause (a), the name of the person shall be removed from the waiting list and the license shall be offered to the person being entitled to license a vehicle in order of seniority and the procedure set out herein shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such person; and
 - (d) If the person does not license a vehicle pursuant to subsection (a), upon application, the name of the person may be added to the end of the waiting list
- (6) When a taxi owner's license is issued to a taxi driver pursuant to this Section who is not nationally certified pursuant to subsection (1) of Section 82 of this By-law, the taxi driver shall register for and successfully complete the national certification process pursuant to said subsection (1) of Section 82 of this By-law within one year of the obtaining the taxi owner's license and if the taxi driver fails to obtain such certification within that time, the License Inspector shall immediately revoke the taxi owner's license issued pursuant to this Section and the name of the taxi driver shall be moved to the end of the waiting list.
- (7) Any taxi owner license which is revoked or surrendered, or which ceases to be in force for any reason other than expiration, shall not be renewed or reissued unless the issuance of such licence will not result in the number of licenses exceeding the number prescribed by subsection (1).
- (8) When a taxi driver's license is cancelled, revoked, surrendered or otherwise lapses, on the conclusion of any applicable appeal process, if the name of the driver is on the waiting list, the name of the taxi driver shall be removed, and if the driver subsequently becomes licensed as a driver in the County zone, upon application, the name of the driver shall be added to the end of the waiting list in accordance with subsection (4)

PART 7 - HALIFAX ZONE PROVISIONS

79 The provisions of this part shall apply only in the Halifax zone.

SENIORS SHARED-RIDE SERVICE - HALIFAX ZONE

80. Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, in the Halifax zone, a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine driver licensed in that zone may transport passengers for hire at the rates set out in schedule 2 for Seniors Shared-Rides

where the owner of the vehicle has obtained a seniors shared ride licence from the Inspector.

HOTEL STANDARDS - HALIFAX ZONE

81. (1) The owner of a licensed taxi may apply to the Inspector and if the taxi
- (a) has a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least 45 inches;
 - (b) has a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 54 inches;
 - (c) has a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least 63 inches;
 - (d) the taxi has first class repairs with no visible body fillers, primer paint, rust, accidental damage or similar defects; and the owner pays an inspection fee of Thirty - five dollars,
- the Inspector shall approve the issuance to the owner of the taxi the Hotel Standard decals.
- (2) The decals issued pursuant to this Section shall apply to the taxi in respect of which it is issued and shall not be transferrable to another taxi.
 - (3) The decals issued pursuant to this Section shall expire six months from the date of issue.
 - (4) The owner of a taxi in respect of which the decals are issued pursuant to this Section shall affix the decals in a place on the taxi designated by the Inspector so that they are clearly visible.
82. (1) Any person who holds a valid permanent or temporary taxi driver's licence in force pursuant to this By-law and who has successfully completed the process prescribed by the National Standards for Taxicab Driver (ISBN 1-896000-27-4, 1st Edition, Printed December 1996) may apply to the Inspector for certification as a Hotel Standards driver. In order to continue to qualify for such certification, the driver must continue to hold a valid taxi driver's licence pursuant to this By-law. Persons certified as Hotel Standards taxi drivers shall be issued with identification to be attached or affixed to their taxi driver's licences to indicate such certification.
- (2) The cost of the National Certification process shall be borne by the drivers participating in same.
 - (3) The driver to whom the identification is issued pursuant to this Section shall display the identification in the taxi being driven by the driver in a place designated by the Inspector.
 - (4) Any driver who fails successfully to complete the process referred to in

Subsection (1) within one year of enrolling in the process, shall be disqualified from enrolling again within a further one year period.

83. Every driver when engaged in the operation of a vehicle certified as a hotel standard taxi shall maintain a neat and clean appearance as outlined in the National Occupational Standards for Taxicab Driver (Section A1.3). Required appearance shall include the following: a tucked in shirt or blouse with a collar and sleeves (no t-shirts), ankle-length trousers (no sweats or jeans), or dress shorts which are worn within at least three inches of the knee (no cutoffs or bathing suits), socks and shoes, which clothing shall be in a neat and tidy condition at all times. Every female driver may, in place of ankle-length trousers, wear a skirt no shorter than knee length.
84. Where a taxi stand is designated as a "Hotel Standard Taxi" stand, the stand shall only be used by taxis displaying hotel standard decals issued pursuant to this Part and when operated by a licensed taxi driver certified as a hotel standard taxi driver who has his or her certificate displayed.
85. No representative of a hotel shall accept or be given any tip, gratuity or other payment from a taxi or a limousine owner or driver.

PART 8 - REPEAL

REPEAL

86. The following Ordinance and By-laws including any amendments thereto are hereby repealed:
 - (a) City of Halifax Ordinance Number 116 "Respecting the Regulation of Transportation of Passengers for Hire"
 - (b) City of Dartmouth Taxi By-law T-500;
 - (c) County of Halifax By-law number 10 "Respecting Taxis"; and
 - (d) Town of Bedford By-law 15901 "Taxi By-law".
 - (e) Schedules 2, 3 and 4 of By-law T-108 are repealed.

Done and passed in Council this 6th day of July, 1999

Walter R. Fitzgerald
MAYOR

Vi Carmichael
MUNICIPAL CLERK

I, Vi Carmichael, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council on July 6, 1999.

Vi Carmichael
Vi Carmichael, Municipal
Clerk

FORMS AND SCHEDULES

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FORM I

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY TAXI OWNER'S LICENCE	
ZONE _____	EXPIRES: DD/MM/YYYY
ROOF LIGHT: _____ 000 _____	
TAXI STAND: <u>ANY STAND</u>	
NAME: <u>JOHN Q. PUBLIC</u>	
MAKE OF VEHICLE: ANY AUTOMOBILE	
YEAR OF VEHICLE : _____ 0000 _____	
COLOUR OF VEHICLE: <u>ANY COLOR</u>	
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: <u>XXX000</u>	
HALIFAX REGIONAL TAXI COMPLAINT LINE	
000-0000	
<i>(LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES)</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>THIS TAXI IS LICENSED TO</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANY COMPANY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CIVIC ADDRESS CIVIC ADDRESS POSTAL CODE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">TELEPHONE</p>	

FORM II

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
ACCESSIBLE TAXI OWNER'S LICENCE**

ZONE: _____

EXPIRES: DD/MM/YYYY

ROOF LIGHT: _____ 000 _____

TAXI STAND: ANY STAND

NAME: JOHN Q. PUBLIC

MAKE OF VEHICLE: ANY AUTOMOBILE

YEAR OF VEHICLE : _____ 0000 _____

COLOUR OF VEHICLE: ANY COLOR

LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: XXX000

HALIFAX REGIONAL TAXI COMPLAINT LINE

000-0000

(LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES)

THIS TAXI IS LICENSED TO

ANY COMPANY

CIVIC ADDRESS

CIVIC ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE

FORM III

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY LIMOUSINE OWNER'S LICENCE
EXPIRES: MM/DD/YYYY

PERMIT NUMBER: 0000
COMPANY: COMPANY

NAME: JOHN Q. PUBLIC

MAKE OF VEHICLE: ANY AUTOMOBILE
YEAR OF VEHICLE : 0000
COLOUR OF VEHICLE: ANY COLOR
LICENSE PLATE NUMBER: XXX000

HALIFAX REGIONAL LIMOUSINE COMPLAINT LINE
000-0000

THIS LIMOUSINE IS LICENSED TO

ANY COMPANY

CIVIC ADDRESS

CIVIC ADDRESS

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE

FORM IV

**OWNER/DRIVER
APPLICATION**

I hereby apply for the following Licence from the Halifax Regional Municipality (check one):

- 1. DRIVER _____ OWNER _____
- 2. HALIFAX ZONE _____ DARTMOUTH ZONE _____ COUNTY ZONE _____
- 3. TAXI _____ ACCESSIBLE TAXI _____ LIMOUSINE _____

Name _____
Surname First Second Maiden

Address: _____
_____ POSTAL CODE _____

DRIVER'S LIC. MASTER # _____ Class _____ Male _____ Female _____

BIRTHDATE _____

S.I.N.# _____ Phone: (H) _____
(W) _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH, OR CONVICTED OF, ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE OR ANY OFFENCE UNDER ANY STATUTE, ACT OR BY-LAW, IN CANADA, OR IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY? _____

REQUIREMENTS:

TWO PASSPORT PHOTOS
RECORD CHECK

DRIVER'S ABSTRACT (CLIENT USE)
COMPANY LETTER

VEHICLE INFORMATION AND INSURANCE

REGISTERED OWNER _____
 ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ POSTAL _____
 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____
 LICENCE NUMBER _____ COLOUR _____
 VIN NUMBER _____
 NAME OF INSURED _____
 INSURANCE COMPANY _____ POLICY # _____

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOTE: ANY CONVICTIONS UNDER THE CRIMINAL CODE OF CANADA OR OTHER STATUTES MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO YOUR APPLICATION BEING APPROVED AS A TAXI/LIMOUSINE/ACCESSIBLE DRIVER

FORM IV

IN THE MATTER OF "THE CANADA EVIDENCE ACT"
STATUTORY DECLARATION

I _____, of the Halifax Regional Municipality, County of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia, do solemnly declare that the following particulars about myself are true.

NAME _____
(Surname) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

HAVE YOU EVER DRIVEN A TAXI, ACCESSIBLE TAXI OR LIMOUSINE PREVIOUSLY? YES _____ NO _____
IF SO, WHERE? _____

HAS YOUR TAXI, ACCESSIBLE TAXI OR LIMOUSINE OWNERS OR DRIVERS LICENCE EVER BEEN CANCELED OR SUSPENDED?
YES _____ NO _____ IF SO, WHY? _____

HAVE YOU EVER APPLIED FOR TAXI, ACCESSIBLE TAXI OR LIMOUSINE OWNERS OR DRIVERS LICENCE WHICH WAS NOT GRANTED?
YES _____ NO _____ IF SO, WHY? _____

HAS YOUR LICENCE TO OPERATE A MOTOR VEHICLE EVER BEEN CANCELED OR SUSPENDED?
YES _____ NO _____ IF SO, WHY? _____

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED WITH, OR CONVICTED OF, ANY CRIMINAL OFFENCE OR ANY OFFENCE UNDER ANY STATUTE, ACT OR BY-LAW, IN CANADA, OR IN ANY OTHER COUNTRY?
YES _____ NO _____

(if answer is yes, state type of offence)

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath, and by virtue of "THE CANADA EVIDENCE ACT".

Declared before me at Halifax Regional Municipality, in the Province of Nova Scotia, this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

(A Commissioner of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia)

Signature of Applicant

FORM V

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE

ZONE _____

EXPIRES: DD/MM/YYYY

NAME: John Q. Public

Licence Number: 000000

TAXI COMPANY

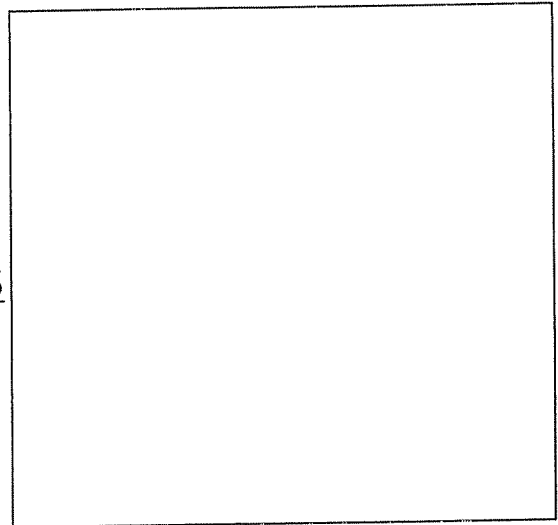
TAXI COMPANY ADDRESS

ADDRESS CONTINUED

Telephone: 555-0000

Halifax Regional Taxi Complaint Line
000-0000

(LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES)



FORM VI

<u>HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE</u> <u>ACCESSIBLE TAXI DRIVER'S LICENCE</u>	
<u>ZONE</u>	<u>EXPIRES: DD/MM/YYYY</u>
NAME: <u>John Q. Public</u>	
Licence Number: <u>000000</u>	
<u>TAXI COMPANY</u>	
<u>TAXI COMPANY ADDRESS</u>	
<u>ADDRESS CONTINUED</u>	
<u>Telephone: 555-0000</u>	
Halifax Regional Taxi Complaint Line 000-0000	
<i>(LICENSE MUST BE DISPLAYED AT ALL TIMES)</i>	

FORM VII

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY LIMOUSINE DRIVER'S LICENCE
EXPIRES: DD/MM/YYYY

NAME: John Q. Public

Licence Number: 000000

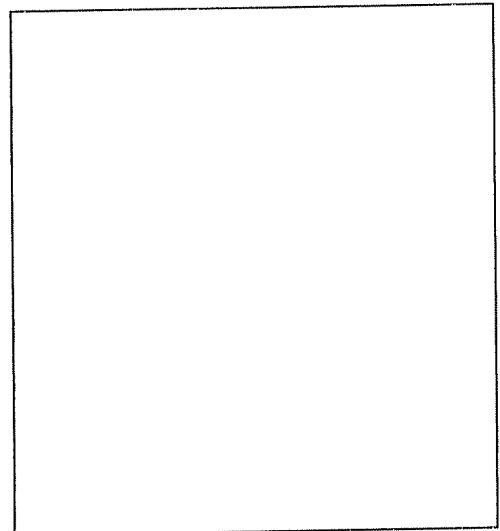
LIMO COMPANY

TAXI COMPANY ADDRESS

ADDRESS CONTINUED

Telephone: 555-0000

Halifax Regional Taxi Complaint Line
000-0000



MATERIALS		DESCRIPTION
Roof Light	Size - 432mm x 100mm Color - White Treatment - Beaded to cover the roof light with section ends on the sides	
Cap Number	Top - Cap Number Top - Arch Letter Size - 10mm x 21mm Letter Size - 10mm x 40mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, both sides of roof light - top	
Text Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 40mm x 40mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Text - Arch Letter Size - 10mm x 10mm Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light	
None	Text - HEX Text - Arch Letter Size - 10mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Both sides of Roof Light - Bottom	
Identification	Number 1126 clear, top of housework and entrance on right hand side	



Schedule 1 - Taxi Roof Light Specifications

DARTMOUTH ZONE	
Roof Light	Size - 480mm long Color - Yellow Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with screw on top of cab
Cap Number	Test - Cap Number Color - White Letter Size - 10mm high - 5mm Letter Color - Black
Light Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 480mm x 240mm Plate Color - Yellow Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 42 mm high Letter Color - Black Placement - Secured front of roof light
Dimensions	Number 1130 clear path or otherwise with existing an equivalent light

COUNTY ZONE	
Roof Light	Size - 480mm long Color - White Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with screw on top of cab
Cap Number	Test - Cap Number Color - White Letter Size - 10mm high - 5mm Letter Color - Black
Light Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 480mm x 240mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 42 mm high Letter Color - Green Placement - Secured front of roof light
Dimensions	Number 1130 clear path or otherwise with existing an equivalent light

BY-LAW T-108

Notice of Motion:	May 11, 1999
First Reading:	June 1, 1999
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	June 5, 1999
Second Reading:	July 6, 1999
Effective Date:	July 10, 1999

No. 1 Amended by T-109
Sections 55; 56; 57; 58; 59(d) and 60; Schedule 2 repealed and
Appendix "A" substituted

Notice of Motion:	February 1, 2000
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"Notice of Intent" Publication:	February 19, 2000
Second Reading:	March 21, 2000
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	April 1, 2000

No. 2 Amended by T-112
Schedule 2 repealed and Appendix "A" substituted

Notice of Motion:	April 18, 2000
First Reading:	April 25, 2000
"Notice of Intent Publication":	April 29, 2000
Second Reading:	May 16, 2000
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	May 20, 2000

No. 3 Amended by T-113
Clause (iv) of subsection (1) of Section 12

Notice of Motion:	May 16, 2000
First Reading:	May 23, 2000
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	June 10, 2000
Second Reading:	June 27, 2000
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	July 1, 2000

No. 4 Amended by T-115
sub-clause (i) of Clause (iv) of Section 12, Section 12 (2) repealed
and replaced, Section 23 repealed and replaced, Section 31,42 (a)

42 (d), 47 additions of subsections (2),(3),(4),(5),(6), 48, 51

Notice of Motion:	January 16, 2001
First Reading:	January 30, 2001
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	February 3, 2001
Second Reading:	February 20, 2001
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	February 24, 2001

No. 4B Amended by T-115B
Section 47

Notice of Motion:	January 16, 2001
First Reading:	January 30, 2001
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	February 3, 2001
Second Reading:	April 3, 2001
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Advertised Date:	April 7, 2001
Effective Date:	July 1, 2001

- As a result of input during the Public Hearing held on February 20/01 the matter of staged licensing period for vehicles referred back to the Taxi & Limousine Committee.
- Second Reading on the matter was given on April 03/01.

No. 5 Amended by T-116
Section 52

Notice of Motion:	February 20, 2001
First Reading:	February 27, 2001
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	March 3, 2001
Second Reading:	March 20, 2001
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	March 24, 2001

No. 6 Amended by T-119
Section 77 - repealed and replaced

Notice of Motion:	January 22, 2002
First Reading:	January 29, 2002
"Notice of Intent: Publication:	February 2, 2002
Second Reading:	March 26, 2002
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	March 26, 2002

No. 7 Amended by T-120
Section 12 - subsection (3)

Notice of Motion:	July 9, 2002
First Reading:	July 16, 2002
"Notice of Intent" - Publication	August 10, 2002
Second Reading:	August 27, 2002
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs	N/A
Effective Date:	August 31, 2002

No. 8 Amended by T-121
Section 51 - subsection (1)

Notice of Motion:	August 20, 2002
First Reading:	August 27, 2002
"Notice of Intent" - Publication	August 31, 2002
Second Reading:	September 17, 2002
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	September 21, 2002

No. 9 Amended by T-124
Section 83

Notice of Motion:	June 17, 2003
First Reading:	June 24, 2003
"Notice of Public Hearing" - Publication:	June 28, 2003
Second Reading:	July 15, 2003
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	July 19, 2003

No. 10 Amended by T-125
Sections 56A, 57 & 62

Notice of Motion:	June 17, 2003
First Reading	June 24, 2003
"Notice of Public Hearing" - Publication:	June 28, 2003
Second Reading:	July 15, 2003
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	July 19, 2003

No. 11 Amended by V-101
Amendment to Section 74

Notice of Motion:	August 19, 2003
First Reading:	August 26, 2003
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	September 6, 2003
Second Reading:	September 23, 2003
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	September 27, 2003

No. 12 Amended by T-126

Amendment to Appendix "A" - Schedule 2 (repealed and replaced)

Notice of Motion:	September 23, 2003
First Reading:	October 7, 2003
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	October 18, 2003
Second Reading:	November 4, 2003
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	November 8, 2003

Amendment # 13 Amended by T-127

Amendment to Section 43

Notice of Motion:	October 28, 2003
First Reading:	November 4, 2003
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	November 8, 2003
Second Reading:	November 25, 2003
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	January 1, 2004

Amendment # 14 Amended by T-128

Clause (b) of subsection (2) of Section 37

Notice of Motion:	February 3, 2004
First Reading:	February 10, 2004
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	February 14, 2004
Second Reading:	March 2, 2004
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	March 6, 2004

Amendment # 15 Amended by T-129

Clause (vi) of subsection (1) of Section 12

Notice of Motion:	March 9, 2004
First Reading:	March 23, 2004
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	March 27, 2004
Second Reading:	April 13, 2004
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	April 17, 2004

Amendment # 16 Amended by T-130
Various Amendments

Notice of Motion:	April 13, 2004
First Reading:	April 20, 2004
"Notice of Public Hearing" Publication:	April 24, 2004
Second Reading:	May 11, 2004
Approval of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	May 15, 2004

Amendment # 17 Amended by T-131
Amendment to Section 83

Notice of Motion:	June 29, 2004
First Reading:	July 6, 2004
Notice of Public Hearing - "Publication"	July 30, 2004
Second Reading:	August 17, 2004
Approved by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	August 21, 2004

Amendment # 18 Amended by T-132
Amendment to Section 53, 56A, 78A and Schedule 1

Notice of Motion:	July 13, 2004
First Reading:	August 17, 2004
Notice of Public Hearing - "Publication"	August 21, 2004
Second Reading:	September 7, 2004
Approved by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	September 11, 2004

Amendment # 19 Amended by T-134
Repealed By-law T-100 and amendments to Section 3, 4, 73 and repeal
Sections 83 and 83A

Notice of Motion:	June 14, 2005
First Reading:	June 21, 2005
Notice of Public Hearing - Publication:	July 16, 2005
Second Reading:	August 2, 2005
Approved by Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations:	N/A
Effective Date:	August 6, 2005

Amendment # 20 Amended by T-135
Repealed Schedules 2, 3 and 4

Notice of Motion:	September 6, 2005
First Reading:	September 13, 2005

Notice of Public Hearing Publication:
Second Reading:
Effective Date:

September 24, 2005
October 11, 2005
October 15, 2005

SEE BY-LAW A-100 - RESPECTING LICENSE AND PERMIT APPEALS

Notice of Motion:	February 22, 2000
First Reading:	March 7, 2000
"Notice of Intent" Publication:	March 11, 2000
Second Reading:	March 28, 2000
Approval of Minister of Housing & Municipal Affairs:	N/A
Effective Date:	April 1, 2000

RE: 8.1

By-Law: Number T-136
By-Law Name: Respecting National Standards Certification for new Limousine Drivers

Objective: The proposed By-Law is to require new limousine drivers to complete the National Standards Certification Program.

By-Law: **BE IT ENACTED** by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that By-Law Number T-108, the By-Law Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines, is hereby amended as follows:

1. Section 30 of By-Law T-108 is amended by replacing the present wording of Section 30 with the following:

30. No person shall operate a limousine unless he or she holds a permanent taxi driver's licence or first obtains a permanent or conditional limousine driver's licence which shall be as set out in Form VII and shall be issued upon successful completion of an English language proficiency test and compliance with all other requirements of this bylaw which apply to limousine drivers.

2. Section 31 of By-law T-108 is amended by the repeal of the present Section 31.

3. Section 36 of By-law T-108 is amended by replacing the present wording of Section 36 with the following:

36. (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, a taxi driver, accessible taxi driver and a limousine driver may hold either a conditional driver's licence or a permanent driver's licence.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, no person shall be issued a conditional driver's licence unless that person meets all other requirements of this By-Law applicable to taxi drivers, accessible taxi drivers or to limousine drivers, as the case may be, and:

(a) demonstrates sufficient English language fluency to permit the applicant to carry out his or her responsibilities as a driver competently, by passing an English language proficiency test established by Halifax Regional Municipality; and

(b) after successfully completing the English language proficiency test referred to in clause (a), the applicant successfully completes an examination on the Taxi By-law and on the location of streets and prominent buildings and locations in the entire municipality but with emphasis on the specific zone for which the applicant is applying.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-Law, no person shall be issued a permanent taxi driver's licence or a permanent limousine driver's licence unless that person:

(a) has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (2) and all other requirements of this By-Law for drivers, and successfully completes the process prescribed by the National Standards Certification for Taxicab / Limousine Drivers, as in effect from time to time, approved by Halifax Regional Municipality, while being the holder of a valid conditional driver's licence; or

(b) held a permanent driver's licence at the time this taxi By-Law came into force.

Done and passed by Council this day of , 2006.

MAYOR

MUNICIPAL CLERK