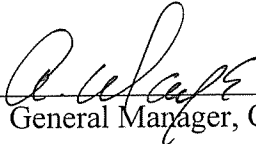


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Halifax Regional Council  
August 20, 2002

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**   
Allan Waye, General Manager, Community Projects

**DATE:** August 12, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Petition - Lack of Taxi Services

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## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

Petition presented to Regional Council on June 11, 2002 (Item 10.3.1) by Danny Hewitt, President, NS Restaurant and Foodservices Association, about the lack of taxi service in the HRM.

### BACKGROUND

The Taxi and Limousine Committee and Regional Council have discussed concerns about the lack of taxi services and made numerous policy decisions to address concerns.

Most recently, on March 26, 2002 Regional Council considered a staff report which put forth a policy recommendation and numerous alternatives. The outcome of the deliberations were that Regional Council gave direction to proceed with By-Law T-119 to increase the number of taxi owners licenses (rooflights) in the Halifax zone to 610. In addition to this recommendation, taxi brokers are making changes to improve taxi services. The installation of a new dispatch system by one broker is one such improvement.

**DISCUSSION**

The Taxi and Limousine Committee advises Regional Council on industry concerns and makes recommendations for policy amendments. The Committee meets monthly and Danny Hewitt and any other concerns petitioners have been invited to bring their concerns to the Committee for consideration. It is through the Taxi and Limousine Committee that issues such as those put forth by the NS Restaurant and Foodservices Association, are discussed and recommendations brought forward to Regional Council for consideration.

Complaints about inappropriate behaviour exhibited by a taxi driver, such as those detailed in the petition, should be referred to the Taxi Inspector for investigation. Inappropriate behaviour by a taxi driver can lead to suspension or revocation of the taxi driver's license.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**MULTI-YEAR FINANCIAL STRATEGY IMPACTS**

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**

None.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None.

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