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Halifax Regional Council
June 10, 2003

TO: Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Councillor Steve Adams, Chair of the Taxi and Limousine Committee

Mr. Eric Swain, Chair of the Hotel Standards Committee

DATE: June 2, 2003

SUBJECT: Amendments to By-Law T-108

ORIGIN

Taxi and Limousine Committee meeting of April 28, 2003.
Hotel Standards Committee meeting of February 6, 2003.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council:

1. Approve in principle the amendments to By-Law T-108 attached as Attachment "A" to this report, and direct staff to arrange for their formal adoption by Council.
2. Approve in principle the amendments to By-Law T-108 attached as Attachment "B" to this report, and direct staff to arrange for their formal adoption by Council.

BACKGROUND

The two amendments were reviewed by the Taxi and Limousine Committee on April 28, 2003. See attached reports :

1. “Fixed Rates at International Points of Entry “, April 28 , 2003 - Taxi and Limousine Committee.
2. “Respecting the Inclusion of a Terms of Reference for the Hotel Standards Committee and the Appointment of an Additional Member to the Hotel Standards Committee by the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia”, February 6, 2003 - Hotel Standards Committee.

DISCUSSION

Amendment T-124 was submitted for approval by the Hotel Standards Committee to the Taxi and Limousine Committee. This amendment defines the mandate for the Hotel Standards Committee and increases its membership to include a HANS appointed representative from the concierge or public service management level.

Amendment T-125 was submitted for approval by staff to the Taxi and Limousine Committee . This amendment allows for the posting of fixed rates at the Halifax International Airport and the Halifax Port Authority property, thereby providing predicable ground transportation costs to and/or from destinations within the HRM.

As per Administrative Order 32, both amendments have been approved by the By-Law Rationalization Working Group.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no budgetary implications inherent in this document.

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

There are no recommended alternatives.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment "A" - Proposed By-Law 124, "Respecting the Inclusion of a Terms of Reference for the Hotel Standards Committee and the Appointment of an Additional Member to the Hotel Standards Committee by the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia"
2. Attachment "B"- Proposed By-Law 125 "Respecting Fixed Taxi Fares"
3. Staff Report - "Fixed Rates at International Points Of Entry"

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.

Report prepared by: Davina Melanson, Manager, Community Projects/ EMS, 490-7135

Attachment "A"

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-124

Respecting the Inclusion of a Terms of Reference for the Hotel Standards Committee and the Appointment of an Additional Member to the Hotel Standards Committee by the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that By-Law T-108, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine be amended as follows:

1. Clause (c) of Section 83 of said By-Law T-108 is amended by adding immediately following subsection (b) thereof, the following subsection:
(c) two members appointed by the Hotel Association of Nova Scotia
 - (i) one to act as chair; and
 - (ii) the other to represent the hotel industry at the Concierge or Public Service Manager level, this appointment to be on an annual rotational basis among the Hotels;

2. The mandate of the Hotel Standards Committee is to improve the level of service for visitors to the Halifax Regional Municipality and to enhance the working relationship between taxicab drivers and the entire tourism industry.

Attachment "B"

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-125**

Respecting Fixed Taxi Fares

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality that By-Law T-108, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine be amended as follows:

1. Said By-Law T-108 is amended by adding immediately following Section 56 thereof, the following Section:

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

- (a) transporting cruiseship passengers from the Halifax Port Corporation property to the destinations outlined in Schedule 3 to this By-Law may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule; and
- (b) transporting passengers between the Halifax International Airport and the destinations outlined in Schedule 4 to this By-Law may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule.

2. Section 57 of said By-Law T-108 is amended by adding immediately following the number "2" in the first line the words and punctuation "and, if the driver charges the fares pursuant to Schedules 3 and 4, a copy of the tariff of fares as set out in those Schedules".

3. Section 62 of said By-Law T-108 is amended by adding immediately following the words, number and punctuation "Schedule 2," in the fourth line thereof the words "the driver charges the fares pursuant to Schedules 3 and 4".

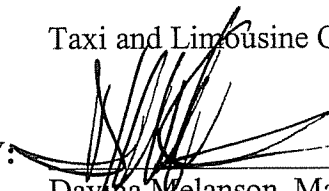
4. Said By-Law T-108 is amended by adding to the end thereof Schedules 3 and 4 attached hereto.



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Taxi and Limousine Committee
April 28, 2003
4:30 p.m.

TO: Taxi and Limousine Committee

SUBMITTED BY: 
Davina Melanson, Manager, Community Projects/EMS

DATE: April 22, 2003

SUBJECT: **Fixed Rates at International Points of Entry**
(Halifax International Airport and Port Authority)

ORIGIN

At the June 17, 2002 Taxi and Limousine Committee a motion was made to forward letters to the Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) and the Halifax Port Authority (HPA) stating that the posting of fixed rates at these locations was inconsistent with the requirements of the municipal Taxi and Limousine By-Law T-108.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Taxi and Limousine Committee recommend to the Halifax Regional Council that the Taxi and Limousine By-Law T-108 be amended to provide for fixed rate fares to and from the Halifax International Airport and from the Halifax Port Authority property, as outlined in the attached amendments.

BACKGROUND

Meeting with Airport and Port Representatives

In response to the Taxi and Limousine Committee motion, staff convened a meeting on July 18, 2002 with representatives of the Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) and the Halifax Port Authority (HPA). During the meeting it was determined that:

- a) it is the current practice at both locations to post fixed rate taxi fares to destinations within the HRM;
- b) both the HIAA and HPA wish to continue the practice of posting fixed rates as a customer service to new arrivals;
- c) clarification is required regarding the Halifax Regional Municipality's authority to regulate an activity outside of its geographical and legislative jurisdiction; and
- d) if the Municipality does have jurisdictional authority over the posting of taxi fares at the airport and the port, the HIAA and the HPA recommend the by-law be amended to allow the practice to continue.

Position of Taxi and Limousine Committee

The results of the July 18, 2002 meeting were submitted to the Taxi and Limousine Committee for consideration on August 19, 2002. The Committee membership did not support the practice as they believe that by dictating fares, the HIAA and the HPA are encroaching upon the responsibility of Regional Council. Concern was also expressed that the posted fixed rates may not accurately reflect the rates identified in Schedule 2, Taxi Rate Schedule.

Current Legislation Respecting Taxi Fares

The Taxi and Limousine By-Law establishes a rate schedule. As currently written the By-Law does not allow for the posting or charging of fixed rates. However, it does allow for the creation of "special rates by contract where such rates are provided for by contract to which the taxi owner is a party."

DISCUSSION

Rationale for the Posting of Fixed Rates At International Points of Entry

The posting of fixed rates at international points of entry provides new arrivals to the municipality with predicible ground transportation costs.

Halifax International Airport Authority

Tourists and citizens of the HRM have paid fixed rates to and from the Airport since the mid 1970s. The posted fixed rates are consistent with rates outlined in Schedule 2, Taxi Rate Schedule.

Halifax Port Authority

The posting of fixed rates at the Port began recently as the increase in cruise ship passengers led to demands for predicible ground transportation costs. The Halifax Port Authority promotes fixed rates for tours and transportation to destinations within the municipality.

Jurisdictional Issues

At the July 18, 2002 meeting, staff of the HIAA expressed their belief that the HRM does not have the authority to regulate taxis on HIAA property. It is recognized that the HIAA regulates taxi licenses at the Airport. One component of the HIAA regulations is the schedule of fixed rate fares.

The HRM Taxi Inspector routinely collaborates with the HIAA Ground Transportation Officer regarding issues of enforcement and licensing.

The HRM Municipal Solicitor has provided the opinion that the HIAA has authority to regulate taxi operations on the grounds of the HIAA. However, once a taxi or limousine enters the Halifax Regional Municipality, the Taxi and Limousine By-Law has jurisdiction as long as the trip originates and terminates within the geographic boundaries of Halifax Regional Municipality, including the HIAA. Since virtually all trips originate or terminate outside of the HIAA property, the HRM Taxi and Limousine By-Law applies to those trips.

The same stipulations apply to the Halifax Port Authority.

Staff Recommendation

Staff believes that the Taxi and Limousine By-Law Schedule of Rates should be amended to authorize the posting of fixed rates, consistent with rates outlined in Schedule 2, Taxi Rate Schedule, at international points of entry such as the Halifax International Airport, and the Halifax Port.

Staff believes that the posting and charging of fixed rates should be allowed as:

- a) it provides for improved customer service for new arrivals to have predictable ground transportation costs;
- b) it has been a common and accepted practice at Halifax international points of entry; and
- c) the fixed rates are consistent with rates outlined in Schedule 2.

Staff are of the opinion that it is in the public interest for Halifax Regional Council to amend the By-Law to permit fixed rates for the reasons stated whether or not this change is supported by the taxi industry. However, staff are also of the opinion that it would be preferable if the recommendation went forward to Council with the support of the Taxi and Limousine Committee.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Appendix "A" Respecting Fixed Taxi Fares
- 2. Schedule 2, Taxi Rate Schedule
- 3. Schedule 3, Cruiseship Passenger Taxi Rates per Vehicle
- 4. Schedule 4, Taxi Rates To and From Airport

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.

Report prepared by: Dave Steele, Taxi and Limousine Inspector, 869-4240

Appendix "A"

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-125**

Respecting Fixed Taxi Fares

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Schedule 2

Taxi Rate Schedule

TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS initial charge, up to 1/30 mile;

TEN CENTS each 1/20th mile;

TWENTY DOLLARS per hour waiting time;

FIVE MINUTES grace to be allowed on pick-up;

FIFTY CENTS each additional passenger;

HOURLY DRIVING RATES by arrangement between driver and passenger, without meter -
TWENTY-EIGHT DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS PER HOUR;

ONE DOLLAR FIFTY CENTS each steamer trunk;

TEN CENTS for each article, piece of luggage, parcel or bag of groceries handled or placed in the trunk by driver;

SEVEN DOLLARS additional charge for Station Wagon (when specifically requested);

CHILDREN under ten shall be carried **FREE** when accompanied by an adult;

SPECIAL RATES for the conveyance of senior citizens or children to and from school may be made by private arrangement with the owner or driver of the licensed vehicle;

SPECIAL RATES by contract where such rates are provided for by contract to which the taxi owner is a party.

Limousine Rate Schedule

FIFTY SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS - MINIMUM HOURLY RATE

Seniors Shared-Ride Rate Schedule

For the purpose of this schedule, the Halifax Zone is divided into three sub-zones being the peninsular area of the former city of Halifax, Mainland North and Mainland South. Peninsular Halifax is bounded on the west by Dutch Village Road. Mainland North and Mainland South are divided by the St. Margaret's Bay Road.

Rides Within A Sub-Zone

1. Where the passengers number three or less \$3.50 per person
2. Where the passengers number four or more \$3.50 per person

Riders Between Sub-Zones

1. Where the passengers number three or less \$5.00 per person
2. Where the passengers number four or more \$4.50 per person

Schedule 3

**Cruiseship Passenger Taxi Rates Per Vehicle
(Rates Include HST)**

Destination	American	Canadian	Length Of Tour
Downtown Halifax or Spring Garden Road	\$6.00	\$9.00	10 minutes
Airport	\$30.00	\$42.00	30 minutes
City Tour	\$30.00	\$42.00	per hour
Peggy's Cove	\$90.00	\$125.00	3 hours
Peggy's Cove/ City Tour	\$110.00	\$155.00	4 hours

Schedule 4

**Taxi Rates To and From Airport
(Rates Include HST)**

Note: In the event that passengers are proceeding to more than one destination, drivers will not charge more than the approved rate for the first destination and the metered rate from the restarted meter for each of the succeeding destinations.

Destination	Details	Rate
Halifax	Peninsula, Mainland north of St. Margaret's Bay Road, Bayer's Lake	\$41.00
	Ragged Lake	\$43.00
	Mainland South of Bay Road	\$43.00
Dartmouth	North of Hwys # 7 & 111 from Forest Hills Drive to MacKay Bridge	\$37.00
	City incl. Forrest Hills & east to Montague Road	\$39.00
	Cole Harbour (Portland Estate to Ross Road)	\$41.00
	Cole Harbour ROAD TO Altholea Drive (Treaty Gas)	\$41.00
	Woodside, Pleasant Street at 5 corners to Esso Refinery	\$41.00
	South Beyond Refinery to Shearwater	\$43.00
	Montague Road to Ross Road	\$41.00
Bedford		\$32.00
Sackville	Lower (Cobequid Road to Lucasville Road)	\$32.00
	Cobequid Road to Beaverbank Windsor Jct. Crossroads	\$32.00
	Middle (Lucasville Road to Springfield Estates)	\$39.00
	Upper (Springfield Estates to County Line)	\$42.00
Airport	Within Property	\$10.00
Aerotech	ADESA, NAVCAN	\$12.00
Beaverbank	Beaverbank Windsor Jct. Crossroad to Kinsac Road	\$39.00
	Kinsac Road	\$42.00
	Kinsac Road to Beaverbank Villa	\$46.00

Destination	Details	Rate
Bayside		\$75.00
Bayswater		\$100.00
Beechville		\$41.00
Black Point		\$70.00
Boutilier's Point		\$75.00
Brookside		\$52.00
Chezzetcook	East	\$75.00
	Head	\$75.00
	West	\$70.00
Cow Bay		\$50.00
Dover	East and West	\$80.00
Dutch Settlement		\$32.00
Eastern Passage		\$50.00
Elderbank		\$49.00
Elmsdale		\$22.00
Enfield		\$18.00
Exhibition Park		\$43.00
Fall River		\$26.00
Five Islands Lake		\$55.00
French Village		\$63.00
Goffs		\$18.00
Glen Haven		\$80.00
Glen Margaret		\$70.00
Grand Lake		\$23.00
Hackett's Cove		\$75.00

Destination	Details	Rate
Hammonds Plains	Kearney Lake Road to Pockwock Road	\$41.00
	Pockwock Road to End	\$43.00
	Pockwock Road to Highway 103	\$43.00
Harrietsfield		\$52.00
Hatchet Lake		\$52.00
Head of St. Margaret's		\$55.00
Herring Cove		\$55.00
Horne Settlement		\$22.00
Hubbards		\$75.00
Hubley		\$53.00
Indian Harbour		\$80.00
Ingramport		\$70.00
Jeddore	East	\$110.00
	Head	\$90.00
	West	\$100.00
Ketch Harbour		\$60.00
Kingswood		\$41.00
Lakeside		\$43.00
Lakeview		\$28.00
Lake Charlotte		\$105.00
Lake Echo		\$55.00
Lake Fletcher		\$26.00
Lantz		\$26.00
Lawrencetown	Starts at Ross Road/Cole Harbour Road Intersection	\$44.00
	West	\$55.00
	Beach	\$60.00
Lucasville		\$39.00

Destination	Details	Rate
Meagher's Grant		\$56.00
Milford		\$32.00
Mineville		\$55.00
Musquodoboit	Harbour	\$80.00
	Middle	\$65.00
	Upper	\$85.00
Oakfield		\$18.00
Oldham		\$18.00
Peggy's Cove		\$85.00
Porters Lake		\$60.00
Portuguese Cove		\$58.00
Preston	East and North	\$50.00
Prospect		\$70.00
Purcell's Cove		\$50.00
Queensland		\$75.00
Sambro		\$60.00
Seabright		\$65.00
Shad Bay		\$57.00
Sheet Harbour		\$140.00
Ship Harbour		\$120.00
Tantallon		\$56.00
Terrance Bay		\$65.00
Timberlea		\$50.00
Upper Tantallon		\$50.00
Waverley		\$26.00
	Silversides to City Limits	\$30.00
Wellington		\$26.00

Destination	Details	Rate
Whites Lake		\$55.00
Windsor Junction		\$28.00