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Item No. 9.1.1
Transportation Standing Committee
October 22, 2015

TO: Chair and Members of the Transportation Standing Committee
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SUBMITTED BY: _____
Bob Bjerke, Chief Planner and Director Planning & Development

DATE: October 1, 2015

SUBJECT: Consultation Report, Proposed Amendments, By-law T-1001, Administrative Order 39, Sections 7, 8 & 9, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis & Limousines

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

ORIGIN

At the October 1, 2014, Transportation Standing Committee (TSC) meeting, the following motion was passed:

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that staff consult with the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group in regards to sections 7, 8, 9 of Bylaw T1001 (pg. 34, 35) and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a recommendation.

At the April 28, 2015, Regional Council meeting, the following motion was passed:

MOVED by Councillor Whitman, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee that Halifax Regional Council request a staff report with regard to an amendment to By-law T-1000, providing that By-law T-1000 does not apply to community-based transportation services which are developed and provided by non-profit organizations through partnerships by coordinating public, private, non-profit and volunteer resources and services that receive provincial or municipal financial support to cover a portion of the operating costs.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, Section 305(1);
By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines;
Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation; and
Establishment of the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group (TLLG) as approved by Regional Council, July 5, 2011.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-law T-1001, which includes amendments to By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, as set out in Appendix A and delay adoption of the by-law to allow for a 90 Day communication program with industry on the effects of the change;
2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation, as set out in Appendix C of the June 16, 2014 report, this report is set out in Appendix B; and
3. Authorize HRM Traffic Services to request the Province of Nova Scotia to amend the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act in support of a pilot project enabling taxis to stand at authorized Fire Hydrants;

BACKGROUND

By-law T-1001

A Recommendation Report, By-law T1001, Amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis & Limousines, was before the Transportation Standing Committee (TSC) on September 10, 2014. The TSC passed motions recommending Regional Council:

- Adopt By-law T-1001, including amendments to By-law T-1000;
- Adopt amendments to Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation; and
- Authorize HRM Traffic Services to request the Province of Nova Scotia to amend the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act in support of a pilot project enabling taxis to stand at authorized Fire Hydrants.

On October 1, 2014, the TSC rescinded their previous motion to adopt By-law T-1001 and Administrative Order 39 and requested the following:

- That staff consults further with the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group in regards to Sections 7, 8, 9 of proposed Administrative Order 39 (pg. 34, 35) and return to the Transportation Standing Committee with a recommendation.

Community Based Transportation Services

The April 28, 2015 motion of Regional Council sought clarification regarding the application of T-1000 relative to Community Based Transportation Services (CBTS). These services respond to the unmet needs of all persons who have a transportation disadvantage. Priority groups include: persons with disabilities, seniors and the disadvantaged. Services are developed and provided by non-profit organizations through partnerships public, private, non-profit, and volunteer resources.

DISCUSSION

By-law T-1001

Provisions of Administrative Order #39, Sections 7, 8 and 9 dealt with the distribution and issuance of conventional taxi licenses. Individually they were:

7. Limits on Number of Taxi Owner Licenses: this section outlines the number of conventional owner licenses that must be maintained for each taxi zone,

8. Applicant For A New Taxi Owner License: this section outlines the required application process for a driver to apply for a conventional taxi owner's license, and

9. Waiting List: this section outlines the process for re-offering a conventional taxi owner license, when one has been turned back to the municipality, to the next driver in seniority on the waiting lists,

The intent of amending the Administrative Order was to ensure conventional owner licenses would no longer be re-offered when one is returned to the municipality. Sections 7, 8 and 9 of the existing Administrative Order become redundant as they specifically apply to the re-offering of conventional owner licenses.

Subsequent to the TSC motion of October 1, 2014, requesting staff revisit this approach, between October 15, 2014 and March 30, 2015 the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group (TLLG) met on 5 specific occasions to address Sections 7, 8 and 9. A consultant (Halifax Global Inc.) was retained to facilitate and mediate discussions with stakeholders. A two phase consultation process included a town hall and on-line survey option.

On April 21, 2015, a town hall meeting was conducted at the Halifax Forum Multi-Purpose Center. Approximately 300 members of the public, principally taxi owners and operators, attended. On April 13, 2015 an online survey was made accessible to stakeholders. On August 5, 2015, Halifax Global Inc. filed their report on the findings of the consultation processes. This report is set out in Appendix C.

During consultations opposition was expressed to the staff recommendation to no longer issue conventional licenses consequently causing a possible reduction. The report prepared by Halifax Global concludes that much of the opposition expressed during the town hall and online survey is based on a misunderstanding or misperception of what will result from implementation of the proposed By-law and Administrative Order amendments. An industry majority has the perception that by-law amendments will force immediate change on the business and require current conventional license holders to replace conventional taxis with accessible vehicles.

The principle concern of industry drivers is the direct effect these changes will have on owner waiting lists. Waiting lists are part of the regulatory framework and the mechanism used in the re-offering of conventional taxi owner licenses. It is important to note that past and current By-laws do not guarantee a driver would be granted a licence rather their application would create a place holder for future consideration. These names and dates of application are in an electronic database. The current waiting lists can and will be held in an archive should future reference be required.

The Halifax Global analyses of data concludes there was no substantive reason or information provided during the consultation processes suggesting HRM should not move forward with the proposed amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order #39. The proposed changes are consistent with both provincial and municipal strategies to increasing accessibility for persons with disabilities to all forms of publicly available transportation and will enable the Municipality to advance goals embedded in those initiatives.

Following the determinations of Halifax Global in that industry participants are not clearly informed regarding proposed regulations, it is recommended that HRM embark on a communications program intended to educate and address misconceptions stakeholders may hold regarding the effect of recommended changes. This communications program should conclude prior to final implementation of the proposed By-law and Administrative Order amendments. The communications program may include the following strategies:

- Industry mail-out to all license holder and industry stakeholders,
- General communication package made available via on-line and at HRM Customer Service Centers, and
- Social media tools, newspapers and Public Service Advisories.

Community Based Transportation Services

The Community Transportation Assistance Program (CTAP) provides financial support to cover a portion of the operating costs of a community-based transportation service. In addition, CBTS operating within the Halifax Regional Municipality are eligible to receive funding under the HRM Rural Transit Funding Program.

CBTS are not taxi services; therefore regarding the Council motion, staff is recommending amendments to By-law T-1000 include an exclusion clause for CBTS. Staff is therefore recommending that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend Halifax Regional Council adopt By-law T-1001, including amendments to Section 2.1(2) of By-law T-1000 to achieve this exclusion.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group (TLLG) met on (5) occasions between October 2014 and May 2015. Meetings assisted in defining the consultation process for the town hall meeting and online survey.

A communication was issued to stakeholder groups and the general public inviting them to participate in either or both of the following consultation processes:

- an online survey was available between April 13, 2015 and May 1, 2015, and
- a town hall meeting at the Halifax Forum Multi- Purpose Center on April 21, 2015.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Transportation Standing Committee may decide not to adopt the recommended amendments to By-law T-1000 or AO#39, relative to 7, 8 & 9. This alternative is not recommended.
2. The Transportation Standing Committee may decide not to adopt the recommended amendment to By-law T-1000, excluding Community Based Transportation Services from the regulations. This alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Amending By-law T-1001, which includes amendments to By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines.

Appendix B: Transportation Standing Committee Report dated June 16, 2014, amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines.

Appendix C: Halifax Global Inc. Consultation Report dated August 5, 2015.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.php> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 902.490.4210, or Fax 902.490.4208.

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APPENDIX A

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY BY-LAW NUMBER T-1001

RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS, ACCESSIBLE TAXIS AND LIMOUSINES

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 that By-Law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines be amended as follows:

1. Subsection 2.1(2) is repealed and the following is substituted:
 - (2) This by-law does not apply to:
 - (a) a vehicle licensed under the Motor Carriers Act or to the owner or operator of the vehicle;
 - (b) a vehicle engaged in a not for profit car pool or free for use shuttle service or the owner or operator of the vehicle;
 - (c) a vehicle transporting for hire passengers or goods brought into the Municipality from outside the limits of the Municipality, or transporting for hire passengers or goods taken on within the limits of the Municipality to be discharged or unloaded outside the limits of the Municipality; and
 - (d) a vehicle while engaged in services which are developed and provided by non-profit organizations through partnerships by coordinating public, private, non-profit, and volunteer resources, and services that receive provincial or municipal financial support to cover a portion of the operating costs of a community-based transportation service.
2. Subsection 9.3(a) is amended by replacing the words “each shareholder holding 25% or more of any type or series of shares in the applicant corporation” with “the applicant officer of the corporation”.
3. Subsection 9.3 is amended by
 - (a) striking out the word “and” at the end of clause c;
 - (b) striking out the period at the end of clause d and adding a semi-colon and the word “and” at the end of the clause; and
 - (c) adding clause e after clause d as follows:
 - (e) a NS Vehicle Registration permit listing the title and license plate in the name of

the applicant or owner's license holder, or in the name of the lessor of a leased vehicle, if supported by lease documentation from a commercial lessor showing the applicant or owner's license holder as the lessee of the vehicle.

4. Clause 9.7(a) is amended by inserting after the wording "automobile insurance policy" the wording "issued in the name of the owner's license holder,"
5. Clause 9.7(b) is amended by replacing the words "expressly includes" with "provides".
6. Subsection 9.13 is repealed and the following is substituted:

9.13 (1) The Licensing Authority must not issue or renew an owner's license unless the applicant and the vehicle to be licensed meets or continues to meet the requirements of this by-law and all applicable laws.

(2) The Licensing Authority may decline to issue or renew any owner's license to any applicant when the Licensing Authority, determines that the issuance or renewal of the license is not in the best interests of furthering the objectives of this by-law, including the transformation of the vehicle for hire industry into a fully accessible, single owner license held by a licensed driver, service model.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 9.13(1) or any other provision of this by-law, the Licensing Authority may issue or renew an owner's license, which issuance or renewal is not in compliance with any provision of this by-law, when the Licensing Authority, determines that exceptional circumstances warrant such issuance or renewal.

(4) The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of an owner's license, or of a category of owner's licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.

7. Subsection 9.14 is repealed and the following is substituted:

9.14 The Licensing Authority shall not issue or renew an owner's license:

- (a) if the applicant is not the holder of a driver's license issued by the Municipality;
or
- (b) if the issuance or renewal of the license will result in the applicant holding more than one owner's license in the Municipality either in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder.

8. Subsection 9.15 is repealed and the following subsection substituted:

9.15 (1) Subsection 9.14(a) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license first issued before July 19, 2008, unless the owner has become a licensed driver subsequent to that date.

- (2) Subsection 9.14(b) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license held on or before the coming into force of that subsection.
9. Clause 9.16(a) is amended by deleting the words "a taxi or limousine" and adding the word "an" after the word "suspend" and before the word "owner's".
10. Clause 9.16(b) is amended by deleting the words "a taxi or limousine" and adding the word "an" after the word "cancel" and before the word "owner's".
11. Subsection 9.18 is repealed and the following substituted:
- 9.18 (1)** The Licensing Authority shall not issue new taxi owner licenses.
- (2) A taxi owner license held in respect of a non-accessible vehicle may continue to be renewed.
- (3) Upon application to the Licensing Authority, a license holder may change the registered vehicle that is the subject of an owner's license to another vehicle that complies with this by-law.
12. Clause 9.19(2) is amended by adding the following wording to the end: ", to a person who was not a shareholder in the corporation on October 23, 2012".
13. Clause 9.20 is repealed and the following subsection substituted:
- 9.20** A conditional owner's license may not be renewed, but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements as a permanent owner's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.
14. Clause 12.4 (a) is amended by replacing the word "owner's" with "driver's".
15. Subsection 14.6 is repealed and the following substituted:
- 14.6** A conditional driver's license may not be renewed but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements of a permanent driver's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.
16. Section 14 is amended with the addition of Subsection 14.9:
- 14.9** An applicant to obtain or renew a driver's license who is claiming the benefit of sections 28.1(k)(i) or 28.3 due to physical limitation or disability, shall provide an up to date medical report at the time of the application.
17. Section 14 is amended with the addition of Subsection 14.10:
- 14.10** The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of a

driver's license, or of a category of driver's licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.

18. Subsection 22.1 is amended by deleting the wording "Despite any limitation on the number of licenses that may be issued, a" and "taxi, accessible taxi or limousine, as the case may be as a" and adding the word "A" after the deleted comma and word ", a".
19. Subsection 22.2 is amended by deleting the wording "Despite any limitation on the number of licenses that may be issued," and capitalizing the word "an" after the deletion.
20. Subsection 22.4 is repealed.
21. Subsection 26.0 and 26.1 are repealed and the following subsections substituted:

26.0 ACCESSIBLE TAXIS: PHYSICALLY CAPABLE DRIVERS & PASSENGER SECUREMENT SYSTEMS

26.1 The holder of an accessible taxi owner's license must ensure that all drivers of the accessible taxi to which the license relates are properly instructed on how to apply and do apply the accessible taxis mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

26.2 All drivers of accessible taxi vehicles must ensure that all necessary assistance is provided to passengers to facilitate the use of the accessible taxi and that all mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems are applied to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

22. Clause 28.1(b) is amended by deleting the wording "except the passenger".
23. Clause 28.1(k) is amended by inserting after the wording "disabled passenger" the wording "or a service animal".
24. Clause 28.1(l) is repealed and the following substituted:

28.1 (l) a driver must not smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle nor permit passengers to smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle; and

25. Section 28.1 is amended with the addition of Subsection (m):

28.1 (m) a driver must abide by the the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 of Administrative Order #39 and ensure that the Code of Ethics is available in the vehicle for passengers.

26. Subsection 28.3 is amended by replacing the wording "28.1(f)" with "28.1(e)".
27. Subsection 31.2 is repealed.
28. Section 40 is repealed and the following substituted:

40.0 LICENSE LIMITATIONS

40.1 Any limitations on the number of taxi owners' licenses and limousine owner's licenses that may be in force at any time in the Municipality shall be as prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

29. Subsection 47.2 is amended by replacing the word "48.1" with "47.1".

30. Subsection 47.5 is amended by replacing the word "48.4" with "47.4".

31. Subsection 48.2 is repealed and the following substituted:

48.2 A person whose application is refused or a person whose owner's license or driver's license is suspended, revoked or cancelled by the Licensing Authority may appeal to the Appeals Standing Committee within 15 days after the refusal, suspension or cancellation by submitting their appeal in writing to the Municipal Clerk's Office.

32. Subsection 50.1 is repealed and the following substituted:

50.1 A person who contravenes any section of this By-Law is liable upon summary conviction to a minimum penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days.

33. Subsection 51.4 is repealed.

Done and passed on this day of , 2014.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk for the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on , 2014.

Cathy Mellet, Municipal Clerk


APPENDIX B



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Item No. 9.1.1 Transportation Standing Committee September 10, 2014

TO: Chair and Members of Transportation Standing Committee

SUBMITTED BY: *Original signed*

Brad Anguish, Director of Community & Recreation Services

DATE: June 16, 2014

SUBJECT: By-law T1001: Amendments to By-law T1000 and Administrative Order
39, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis & Limousines

ORIGIN

- Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group (TLLG); and
- February 5, 2014, Transportation Standing Committee meeting.

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

- Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act, Section 305(1);
- By-law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines;
- Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation; and
- Establishment of the Taxi and Limousine Liaison Group (TLLG) as approved by Regional Council, July 5, 2011.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Transportation Standing Committee recommend that Halifax Regional Council:

1. Adopt By-law T-1001, which includes amendments to By-law T-1000, Respecting The Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines, as set out in Appendix B;
2. Adopt amendments to Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation, as set out in Appendix D; and
3. Authorize HRM Traffic Services to request the Province of Nova Scotia to amend the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act in support of a pilot project enabling taxis to stand at authorized Fire Hydrants.

BACKGROUND

1. TLLG Initiatives

A. Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics

Over the past two years, the TLLG has developed a Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics for the HRM Taxi Industry. The Code of Ethics has been incorporated as Schedule 6 in Administrative Order #39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation (Appendix D) for the TSC's consideration for adoption.

B. Bridge Toll

On October 23, 2012, Regional Council approved an industry rate increase. Included with the rate increase was the introduction in legislation of an Eighty Cents Bridge Toll. This bridge toll rate was reflective of the MACPASS rate, added to fares when a paying trip involves a bridge crossing for the carriage of passengers or parcels. Since the standardization and introduction of the bridge toll rate, the TLLG has engaged in discussions regarding industry concerns that operators lose money due to the current bridge toll rate. Prior to the amendment in October 2012, a variation of bridge toll charges were being applied even though regulations did not permit this charge.

C. Fire Hydrants

The TLLG have researched options to address the growing concerns in the reduction of available curbside spaces for taxi use in the downtown core. In other municipalities such as Calgary, a pilot project was introduced allowing taxis to utilize spaces in front of designated Fire Hydrants with the driver remaining in the vehicle. Consultation has occurred with key stakeholders, including HRM Fire Services, HRM Halifax Water Commission, and HRM Transportation and Public Works, to establish a similar system in the HRM.

2. Accessible Taxis & Owner/Operators

Over the past several months, the Halifax Taxi Driver's Owner's Association (HTDOA) has engaged in discussions with members of the TLLG, staff, provincial officials and the TSC regarding the increase in the number of accessible taxi owner licenses. This is not the result of any regulatory change but rather appears to be a natural transition towards a licensing option that has been available for several years. On February 5, 2014, the HTDOA made recommendations following a presentation to the TSC. This presentation asked the TSC to consider no longer issuing multiple licenses in the category of Accessible Taxi Cabs. That presentation also sought to ensure the principles of a single owner/operator system in all categories of taxi license be maintained.

3. Housekeeping Amendments

Since the introduction of By-law T-1000 in October 2012, a number of housekeeping and administrative process amendments have been identified. The amendments correct grammatical and/or wording issues and amend administrative processes.

DISCUSSION

1. TLLG Initiatives

A. Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics

The Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics highlights a standard of conduct that is expected by both passengers and operators and outlines regulations to assist in achieving that standard. The information compiled in the draft Code of Ethics is a rational approach to achieving that standard. Initially the TLLG felt that this document should not be a legislative requirement of the By-law but rather circulated as an information item. Upon review of best practices staff revisited the issue with TLLG to attain their concurrence. The document will be adopted as part of the Administrative Order, requiring the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics to be displayed in all taxi vehicles.

To implement staff's recommendation By-law T-1000, Section 28.1 is amended by the addition of subsection 28.1(m):

28.1 The driver of a vehicle for hire must comply with the following rules while in control of the vehicle to which the license relates:

(m) a driver must abide by the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 of Administrative Order #39 and ensure that the Code of Ethics is available in the vehicle for passengers.

Administrative Order #39 is also amended by adding Section 2.0A and Schedule 6:

2.0A TAXICAB PASSENGER/OPERATOR CODE OF ETHICS

A driver while operating a licensed vehicle for hire must abide by the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 to this Administrative Order.

B. Bridge Toll

Since the standardization and introduction of the bridge toll rate to Administrative Order #39 in October 2012, the TLLG has engaged in ongoing discussions surrounding what industry perceives as a loss in their ability to recover expenses. When a taxi trip involves a bridge crossing, the majority of drivers will return to their licensed taxi zones empty to continue servicing the communities in which they are licensed. It is the return trip bridge toll that industry perceives as an unrecoverable expense. Prior to the amendment in October 2012, a variation of bridge toll charges were being applied in the taxi industry even though a charge was not permissible by the regulation.

At the August meeting of the TLLG, several options were reviewed in an attempt to offer some closure to the issue. The following options were presented:

1. remain with the status quo (MACPASS rate is currently \$0.80 cents) charged only when passenger or a parcel is being transported;
2. cash fare (cash fare is currently \$1.00) charged only when a passenger or parcel is being transported;
3. MACPASS rate (\$0.80 cents) plus half a MACPASS rate (\$0.40 cents) totalling \$1.20 applied to every passenger or parcel trip crossing the bridge;
4. cash fare (\$1.00) plus half a cash rate (\$0.50 cents) totalling \$1.50 applied to every passenger or parcel trip crossing the bridge; and
5. cash fare (\$1.00) doubled totalling \$2.00 applied to every passenger or parcel trip crossing the bridge.

At the August 29, 2013, meeting of the TLLG, the majority of members endorsed option (4) cash fare (\$1.00) plus half a cash rate (\$0.50 cents) totalling \$1.50 applied to every passenger or parcel trip crossing the bridge.

It is staff's advice the legislation should be amended so that (2) *the Bridge Commissions cash toll rate of the day is charged only when a passenger or parcel trip is crossing the bridge*. Staff cannot support a cash bridge toll rate in excess of the allowable bridge rate being charged. This amendment to Administrative Order #39, Schedule 1, is included in Appendix D for the Transportation Standing Committee's consideration for adoption.

C. Fire Hydrants

All stakeholders consulted support the initiative to allow taxis to utilize spaces in front of designated fire hydrants as long as the driver remains in the vehicle. If this initiative is approved and adopted by the province it would provide additional curbside locations in the downtown core for the public to safely enter or exit taxis. An initial survey has been completed identifying potential fire hydrants which meet the

criteria for such use. Similar pilot projects in other regions resulted in a significant decrease in the number of tickets issued for vehicles obstructing fire hydrants.

2. Accessible Taxis & Owner/Operators

On February 5, 2014, a presentation to the TSC was provided by the HTDOA. A number of recommendations were provided for consideration on changes within the industry. Staff is recommending that By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order #39 be amended relative to accessible taxis, owner/operators and vehicle standards so that:

1. all new taxi licenses will be for accessible taxis only;
2. all existing conventional taxi license will be grandfathered and remain non accessible;
3. all new accessible taxi and limousine licenses will only be issued to a driver who currently does not hold a conventional taxi license within the HRM;
4. all conventional taxi owner licenses returned to the HRM will terminate. No new conventional taxi licenses will be issued;
5. the current conventional taxi owner waiting lists would be eliminated as conventional taxi licenses will no longer being issued. Limitations can not apply to accessible licenses and every driver on a waiting list, who does not hold a conventional license, would be eligible to apply for either an accessible taxi license or a limousine license;
6. driver's claiming a physical limitation or disability must provide an updated medical report at the time of renewal;
7. all current conventional licenses are grandfathered with their existing vehicles;
8. a vehicle entering into the industry shall not be accepted for registration as a licensed vehicle under a conventional license if it exceeds seven (7) years of age; and
9. accessible taxis must display the specific taxi roof light sign and display the universal accessibility symbol on both right & left side of the vehicle and the front and back of the vehicle.

The former City of Halifax engaged the service of an independent taxi consultant, Hara Associates, to review of the City's regulation of its taxi industry. The consultant examined a number of aspects of the Halifax taxi industry and in its report dated June 20, 1994, concluded that an owner/operator model alternative would provide the best service model. The report recommended that "Any reform to Halifax taxi regulations should preserve the strong owner/driver character of the current system", noting that "Where possible, actions taken should enhance and improve the owner-driver system". The present amendments have taken into account and furthered the report's recommendations.

3. Housekeeping Amendments

The proposed By-law T-1001 (Appendix B), contains the following housekeeping amendments to By-law T-1000, 9.7(b), 12.4(a), 14.6, 22.1, 22.2, 28.1(b) 28.1(b)(k), 28.3 47.2 and 47.5, to correct grammatical or wording issues.

The proposed By-law T-1001, also contains the amendments resulting from process changes and industry discussions:

1. Section 9.3(a) amended item clarifies the criminal record check requirement for corporations;
2. Section 9.3(e) added item clarifies NS vehicle permit title and plates must be the same name as the license holder or related to a commercial lessor;
3. Section 9.7(a) clarifies wording, insurance policy is in the name of the license holder;
4. Section 9.13 & 14.10 amended item so that the issuing of licenses may be suspended to respond to extenuating circumstance that may arise;
5. Sections 9.14, 9.15, 9.16, 9.18, 9.20, 22.4, 40.1 & 51.4 amended in response to strengthening the owner operator system, one owner one license, the issuance of Accessible taxi owner licenses only, as per industry discussions;

6. Section 9.19(2) amended wording for corporately held owner licenses clarifying the transferring of shares is not permitted to a person who was not a shareholder in the corporation on October 23, 2012;
7. Section 26 & 31.2 is amended to enhance accessible taxi services by ensuring securement systems training and application and displaying of a taxi roof light;
8. Section 28.1 is amended to include “e-cigarettes”;
9. Section 48.2 is amended to standardize the appeals process as that provided for within other HRM by-laws; and
10. Section 50.1 is amended to standardize the minimum penalty amounts upon a summary conviction as that provided for within other HRM by-laws.

The proposed Administrative Order #39, (Appendix D) also contains the following amendment in relation to discussions held before the Appeal Standing Committee.

Schedule “5”, is amended by the addition of clause 5. (2);

5. (2) A vehicle which has an “Ignition Alcohol Interlock Device” installed cannot be issued a vehicle for hire license or remain licensed as a vehicle for hire.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Discussions surrounding the proposed items were facilitated at meetings of the Taxi & Limousine Liaison Group, Halifax Taxi Drivers Owners Association and the TSC.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no environmental implications.

ALTERNATIVES

1. The Transportation Standing Committee may decide not adopt any of the recommended amendments to By-law T-1000 or Administrative Order #39. This alternative is not recommended.
2. The Transportation Standing Committee may decide to approve any number of the amendments proposed to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order #39. This alternative is not recommended.
3. The Transportation Standing Committee may decide not to adopt the proposal seeking an amendment to the Nova Scotia Motor Vehicle Act to introduce parking at Fire Hydrants. This alternative is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A: Showing proposed changes to By-law T-1000
Appendix B: By-law T-1001, Amending By-law, Amending By-law T-1000
Appendix C: Showing proposed changes to Administrative Order #39
Appendix D: Administrative Order #39, Amendments to Administrative Order #39

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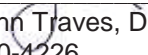
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APPENDIX A
(Showing proposed changes)

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-1000
RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS, ACCESSIBLE 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:

1.0 SHORT TITLE

1.1 This by-law may be cited as By-law Number T-1000 or as the *Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law*.

2.0 APPLICATION

2.1 (1) Subject to subsection (2), this by-law applies to vehicles used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire in the Municipality and to the owners and operators of those vehicles.

(2) This by-law does not apply to:

(a) a vehicle licensed under the *Motor Carriers Act* or to the owner or operator of the vehicle;

(b) a vehicle engaged in a not for profit car pool or free for use shuttle service or the owner or operator of the vehicle; and

(c) a vehicle transporting for hire passengers or goods brought into the Municipality from outside the limits of the Municipality, or transporting for hire passengers or goods taken on within the limits of the Municipality to be discharged or unloaded outside the limits of the Municipality.

3.0 DEFINITIONS

3.1 In this by-law

“accessible taxi” means a vehicle licensed under this By-law as an accessible taxi;

“Appeal Committee” means the Committee established by the Municipality with authority to hear appeals of decisions made or actions taken pursuant to the provisions of this by-law;

“driver’s license” means a license issued by the Municipality to a person permitting that person to operate a vehicle for hire within the Municipality, and includes a conditional taxi driver’s license where the context permits;

“licensed driver” means a person who holds a valid driver’s license permitting that person to operate a vehicle for hire within the Municipality;

“licensed owner” means the holder of an owner’s license for a licensed vehicle;

“licensed vehicle” means a vehicle that is licensed under this by-law as a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine;

“Licensing Authority” means the office responsible for the licensing and enforcement of By-law T-1000 and related regulations as designated by the Chief Administrative Officer or designate;

“limousine” means a vehicle that is licensed under this by-law as a limousine;

“medical report” means a report made by a physician licensed to practice in the Province of Nova Scotia;

“Municipality” means the Halifax Regional Municipality;

“owner” means the person issued the vehicle’s license plates, as indicated on the permanent Nova Scotia Vehicle Registration Permit for the vehicle, and includes any other person who holds the legal title of the vehicle;

“owner’s license” means a taxi owner’s license, an accessible taxi owner’s license or limousine owner’s license, and includes a conditional taxi owner’s license, conditional accessible taxi owner’s license or conditional limousine owner’s license where the context permits;

“parcels” includes boxes, packages and other articles of whatever nature;

“public place” includes any highway, street, road, lane, alley, taxi stand or other public place in the Municipality;

“service animal” means any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability or is used for search and rescue or law enforcement;

“taxi” means a vehicle that is licensed under this by-law as a taxi, but does not include an accessible taxi;

“taxi meter” means a mechanical or electronic meter that automatically measures and registers the distance travelled by the vehicle and the fare corresponding to the distance as determined using the fares prescribed by Administrative Order 39 ;

“vehicle” means a motor vehicle;

“vehicle for hire” means a licensed vehicle while in engaged in the transport of passengers or parcels for a fee;

“zone” means the geographical service area in respect of which a taxi owner’s license is issued, as prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

4.0 OPERATING A LICENSED VEHICLE

4.1 For the purposes of this by-law the operation of a vehicle includes:

(a) transporting passengers or parcels for hire in or through any public place in the Municipality;

(b) being in or on any public place in the Municipality while in control of a vehicle for the purpose of offering the vehicle for hire;

(i) soliciting passengers for hire regardless of the method used to offer the vehicle for hire or

(ii) to solicit passengers and regardless of the method used to signal the driver that a person wants to engage the vehicle; and

(c) waiting at any location in the Municipality, whether in a public place or a private place, while in the control of a motor vehicle for the purpose of offering the vehicle for hire;

(i) soliciting passengers for hire regardless of;

(ii) the method used to offer the vehicle for hire or to solicit passengers and regardless of the method used to signal the driver that a person wants to engage the vehicle.

5.0 NUMBER OF ACCESSIBLE TAXIS AND DRIVERS NOT AFFECTED

5.1 Nothing in this by-law affects or limits either directly or indirectly the number of accessible taxi drivers or the number of accessible taxi vehicles that may be licensed in the Municipality or in any zone in the Municipality.

PART 1 ADMINISTRATION

6.0 ROLE OF LICENSING AUTHORITY

6.1 The Licensing Authority is responsible for the regulation of licensed vehicles, licensed owners and licensed drivers and the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this by-law, and related regulations, and includes any officer or official carrying out those duties under this by-law.

6.2 The Licensing Authority must:

- (a) make all necessary inquiries concerning applications for licenses under this by-law;
- (b) examine or cause to be examined every applicant for a driver's license for compliance with this by-law;
- (c) examine or cause to be examined every vehicle to be licensed for compliance with this by-law;
- (d) keep a register of all licenses granted containing the name and complete mailing address of every license holder and the date of issue of each license;
- (e) issue licenses in accordance with this by-law if all requirements have been met;
- (f) provide applicants with a copy of this by-law and Administrative Order 39, upon request; and
- (g) determine by inspection and enquiry from time to time whether licensed owners, licensed drivers and licensed vehicles continue to comply with the provisions of this by-law and all applicable laws.

6.3 The Licensing Authority in its sole discretion may abridge or extend the time limits provided for in this bylaw.

PART 2 PROHIBITIONS RELATED TO UNLICENSED VEHICLES AND DRIVERS

7.0 OPERATION OF VEHICLES

7.1 A person must not operate a vehicle to provide the services of a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine and the owner of a vehicle must not permit its operation as a vehicle to provide the services of a taxi, accessible taxi or limousine unless:

- (a) the vehicle is the subject of a valid taxi owner's license in the case of a vehicle offering the services of a taxi;
- (b) the vehicle is the subject of a valid accessible taxi owner's license in the case of a vehicle offering the services of an accessible taxi;
- (c) the vehicle is the subject of a valid limousine owner's license in the case of a vehicle offering the services of a limousine;

(d) in the case of a taxi or accessible taxi, the original of the owner's license (photocopy or other facsimile is not permitted) for the vehicle is conspicuously displayed on or above the doorpost or on the rear portion of the front seat, and, in case of a limousine, the original of the owner's license (photocopy or other facsimile is not permitted) for the vehicle is in the vehicle and available for presentation upon request; and

(e) the license sticker issued for the vehicle by the Licensing Authority for the current license year is affixed to the vehicle in the location and manner prescribed by Administrative Order 39, or is affixed in such other location on the vehicle as approved by the Licensing Authority.

7.2 Subsection (1) does not apply so as to require a vehicle to be licensed under this by-law if it is used to transport parcels for a fee if it is not used to transport passengers for a fee.

7.3 A person must not operate a licensed vehicle as a vehicle for hire unless:

- (a) the person holds a valid driver's license issued pursuant to this by-law;
- (b) the original of the driver's license (photocopy or other facsimile is not permitted) is conspicuously displayed in the vehicle and is readily visible to any passenger who may be in it.

8.0 DEEMED OPERATION OF TAXI OR ACCESSIBLE TAXI

8.1 A person who is in control of a taxi or accessible taxi in the Municipality while the vehicle's taxi roof sign is displayed or uncovered is deemed to be operating the vehicle as a vehicle for hire.

PART 3 OWNERS' LICENSES

9.0 OBTAINING OR RENEWING AN OWNER'S LICENSE

9.1 The Licensing Authority may issue owner's licenses that are either conditional or permanent.

9.2 Subject to this by-law, an owner of a motor vehicle:

- (a) who is an individual may obtain or renew an owner's license by applying in person to the Licensing Authority; or
- (b) that is a corporation may renew an owner's license by having an officer of the corporation apply in person to the Licensing Authority.

9.3 An application to obtain or renew an owner's license must be accompanied by:

(a) a criminal record/vulnerable sector check in respect of the applicant, or if the applicant is a corporation, a criminal record/vulnerable sector check in respect of ~~each shareholder holding 25% or more of any type or series of shares in the applicant corporation~~ **the applicant officer of the corporation;**

(b) a statutory declaration attesting to the matters required by the Licensing Authority;

(c) all applicable fees for the license as set by Administrative Order 15; ~~and~~

(d) if the applicant is a corporation, a current print out from the Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks showing an active status for the corporation that will operate the vehicle to which the license relates and if that corporation is not the holder of the owner's license also a letter authorizing the use of the corporation's name; **and**

(e) a NS Vehicle Registration permit listing the title and license plate in the name of the applicant or owner's license holder, or in the name of the lessor of a leased vehicle, if supported by lease documentation from a commercial lessor showing the applicant or owner's license holder as the lessee of the vehicle.

9.4 Despite subsection 9.3 (a), if the applicant has applied for a criminal record/vulnerable sector report but the report is not available at the time of the application, the Licensing Authority may grant the applicant a conditional owner's license pending receipt of a satisfactory report, if the applicant submits proof to the Authority that the applicant has applied and paid for the report and a statutory declaration attesting to the application for the record.

9.5 If a conditional owner's license has been issued in the circumstances described in section 9.4 and the criminal record/vulnerable sector report is not received by the Licensing Authority:

(a) within 30 days of the date of issue, the conditional owner's license is automatically suspended until the report is received by the Licensing Authority; and

(b) within six months of the date of issue, the conditional owner's license is automatically terminated.

9.6 If a conditional owner's license has been issued in the circumstances described in section 9.4 and an unsatisfactory criminal record/vulnerable sector report is provided, the Licensing Authority must immediately suspend the owner's license while the Licensing Authority confirms the information contained in the report, and if the information is confirmed the owner's license must be cancelled by the Licensing Authority.

9.7 The following insurance requirements apply to a vehicle that is the subject of an application under this section:

(a) the vehicle must be insured by an automobile insurance policy **issued in the name of the owner's license holder**, that provides 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 that amount regardless of the number of persons involved or the nature of the damage;

(b) if the application is in respect of an accessible taxi, the vehicle must, in addition to the insurance required by subsection (a), be insured by a policy of insurance that **expressly includes provides** coverage against all loss, damage and claims arising out of or in connection with the loading or unloading or transporting of disabled persons;

(c) the applicant must deposit the policy or policies required by this section with the Licensing Authority; and

(d) the applicant must have directed the insurance company issuing an insurance policy required by this section to advise the Licensing Authority of any change to the coverage and terms of the insurance policy during the term of the license and to notify the Licensing Authority when the insurance policy is no longer in effect.

9.8 Despite the definition of "owner" in section 3, if an owner's license held on October 19, 2010, was at that time subject to a written agreement in respect of a vehicle under which agreement the license holder was not the title or plate holder of the vehicle, the owner's license may be renewed if the agreement between the two parties has continued uninterrupted since October 19, 2010 and as long as the agreement continues uninterrupted.

9.9 A vehicle to be licensed must meet and be maintained to the requirements prescribed by Administrative Order 39 and at any given time may be licensed as only one of the following:

(a) a taxi;

(b) an accessible taxi; or

(c) a limousine.

9.10 An expired owner's license is not valid and not operational, but may be renewed within a 30-day grace period following its expiration date.

9.11 An expired owner's license cannot be renewed if more than 30 days have elapsed since its expiration date.

9.12 The Licensing Authority may waive the requirement under subsection 9.2 (a) for an individual to appear in person, if the individual submits a medical report satisfactory to the Licensing Authority setting out the medical reasons why applicant is unable to attend in person.

~~**9.13** The Licensing Authority must not issue or renew an owner's license unless the applicant and the vehicle to be licensed meets or continues to meet the requirements of this by-law and all applicable laws.~~

9.13 (1) The Licensing Authority must not issue or renew an owner's license unless the applicant and the vehicle to be licensed meets or continues to meet the requirements of this by-law and all applicable laws.

(2) The Licensing Authority may decline to issue or renew any owner's license to Any applicant when the Licensing Authority, determines that the issuance or renewal of the license is not in the best interests of furthering the objectives of this by-law, including the transformation of the vehicle for hire industry into a fully accessible, single owner license held by a licensed driver, service model.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 9.13(1) or any other provision of this by-law, the Licensing Authority may issue or renew an owner's license, which issuance or renewal is not in compliance with any provision of this by-law, when the Licensing Authority, determines that exceptional circumstances warrant such issuance or renewal.

(4) The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of an owner's license, or of a category of owner's licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.

~~**9.14** The Licensing Authority must not issue or renew a taxi or limousine owner's license if the applicant:~~

- ~~—— (a) is not a licensed driver in the Municipality; or~~
- ~~—— (b) in respect of a taxi owner's licence, the applicant already holds a taxi owner's license in the Municipality either in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder.~~

9.14 The Licensing Authority shall not issue or renew an owner's license:

- (a)** if the applicant is not the holder of a driver's license issued by the Municipality; or
- (b)** If the issuance or renewal of the license will result in the applicant holding more than one owner's license in the Municipality either in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder.

~~**9.15** Section 9.14 does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license first issued before July 19, 2008, unless the owner has become a licensed driver subsequent to that date and does not apply to the renewal of a limousine owner licenses held in a company name on or before October 23, 2012.~~

9.15 (1) Subsection 9.14(a) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license first issued before July 19, 2008, unless the owner has become a licensed driver subsequent to that date.

(2) Subsection 9.14(b) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license held on or before the coming into force of that subsection

9.16 The Licensing Authority must:

(a) suspend ~~a taxi or limousine~~ an owner's license issued to an individual during such periods of time as the provincially issued license to the individual to operate a passenger vehicle is suspended or the driver's license held by the individual in accordance with this by-law is suspended; and

(b) cancel ~~a taxi or limousine~~ an owner's license issued to an individual if the provincially issued license to the individual to operate a passenger vehicle is cancelled or the driver's license held by the individual in accordance with this by-law is cancelled.

9.17 Section 9.16 does not apply to owner's license first issued before July 19, 2008, unless the owner has become a licensed driver subsequent to that date.

~~**9.18** Upon application to the Licensing Authority, a license holder may change the registered vehicle that is the subject of an owner's license to another vehicle that complies with this by-law.~~

9.18 (1) The Licensing Authority shall not issue new taxi owner licenses.

(2) A taxi owner license held in respect of a non-accessible vehicle may continue to be renewed.

(3) Upon application to the Licensing Authority, a license holder may change the registered vehicle that is the subject of an owner's license to another vehicle that complies with this by-law.

9.19 (1) An owner's license is the property of the Municipality, is non-transferable, and automatically expires upon the death of the holder.

(2) An owner's license issued in the name of a corporation may be renewed but is non-transferable and automatically expires on the sale, devolution or other transfer of any shares of the corporation or upon the issuance of any new shares by the corporation, **to a person who was not a shareholder in the corporation on October 23, 2012.**

(3) The reproduction of an owner's license in any manner is prohibited.

~~**9.20** A conditional taxi owner's licence may not be renewed but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements as a permanent taxi owner's licence unless, and to the extent, the contrary is provided for in this By-Law.~~ **A conditional owner's license may not be renewed, but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements as a permanent owner's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.**

10.0 BUSINESS NAME AND ADDRESS

10.1 (1) An owner's license must specify;

(a) the business name under which the vehicle to which the license relates is to be operated; and

(b) the business address and telephone number from which the vehicle is to operated.

(2) The applicant for an owner's license or for the renewal of an owner's license must, at the time of the application, provide the Licensing Authority with a company authorization letter or a current print out from their Nova Scotia Registry of Joint Stocks showing an active status for applicant as a the proprietorship, partnership or corporation, as the case may be.

10.2 A person must not operate a licensed vehicle as a vehicle for hire;

- (a) under any business name other than the name specified on the owner's license; or
- (b) from any address other than the business address specified on the owner's license.

10.3 At least three days before making the change, the owner's license holder must notify the Licensing Authority of any change in;

- (a) the business name under which the licensed vehicle is operated;
- (b) the business address from which the licensed vehicle is operated; or
- (c) the owner's residential address.

10.4 Saturday, Sunday and holidays are not to be included in calculating the three-day period under section 10.3.

11.0 VEHICLE REGISTRATION & OWNERSHIP PERMIT

11.1 The holder of an owner's license must notify the Licensing Authority of any change in the Nova Scotia vehicle registration permit for the licensed vehicle forthwith after the change.

11.2 An owner's license automatically terminates unless the holder of that owner's license registers another vehicle to the license by the earlier of (a) 30 days from the removal of the vehicle or (b) 30 days from the expiration date of the license, in the event of the following:

- (a) holder of an owner's licences ceases to be the owner of licensed vehicle;
- (b) the owner's license can not be renewed because the licensed vehicle is not in compliance with the vehicle requirements under this by-law; or
- (c) the licensed vehicle is otherwise removed from an owner's license

PART 4 DRIVERS' LICENSES

12.0 OBTAINING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

12.1 Subject to this by-law, an individual may obtain or renew a driver's license by applying in person to the Licensing Authority using the form supplied by the Licensing Authority.

12.2 An application for a driver's license must be accompanied by;

- (a) a criminal record/vulnerable sector check dated within 30 days of the application;
- (b) a statutory declaration of the applicant attesting to the matters required by the Licensing Authority;
- (c) all applicable fees for the license as set by Administrative Order 15;
- (d) two professionally taken passport style photographs dated within 30 days of the date of application which are neither heat sensitive nor subject to fading; and
- (e) a satisfactory Nova Scotia Registry of Motor Vehicles (Client Use) abstract of the applicant's minimum class 4 driving record, dated within 30 days of the date of application.

12.3 Despite subsection 12.2 (a), if the applicant is renewing a current driver's license and has applied for a criminal record/vulnerable sector report but the report is not available at the time of the application, the Licensing Authority may grant the applicant a conditional driver's license pending receipt of a satisfactory report, if the applicant submits proof to the Authority that he or she has applied and paid for the report and a statutory declaration attesting to the application for the record report.

12.4 If a conditional driver's license has been issued in the circumstances described in section 12.3 and the criminal record/vulnerable sector report is not received by the Licensing Authority;

(a) within 30 days of the date of issue, the conditional ~~owner's~~ **driver's** license is automatically suspended until the report is received by the Licensing Authority, and

(b) within six months of the date of issue, the conditional driver's license is automatically terminated.

12.5 If a driver's license has been issued in the circumstances described in section 12.3 and the criminal record/vulnerable sector report is not satisfactory to the License Authority, the License Authority must immediately suspend the driver's license while the Licensing Authority confirms the information contained in the report, and if the confirmed information is not satisfactory to the Licensing Authority the conditional driver's license must be cancelled by the Licensing Authority.

13.0 DRIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS

13.1 An applicant for a driver's license must supply a valid residential address and telephone number as part of the licensing information.

13.2 Within three business days of a change in his or her residential address or telephone number, a licensed driver must notify the Licensing Authority of the current information.

14.0 CONDITIONAL AND PERMANENT DRIVERS' LICENSES

14.1 The Licensing Authority may issue drivers' licenses that are either conditional or permanent.

14.2 Subject to section 14.4, a person who has not previously held a permanent driver's license may only apply for a conditional driver's license.

14.3 An applicant may be issued a conditional driver's license if the applicant has met all other requirements of this by-law; and

(a) has supplied proof of successful completion of the English Language proficiency test, as in effect from time to time, approved by the Licensing Authority;

(b) has successfully completed the licensing process and examinations, as in effect from time to time, approved by the Licensing Authority; and

(c) has supplied proof of registration for the National Standards Certification Program for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers administered by the Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council.

14.4 A person who has held a permanent driver's license pursuant to this by-law, within the two years preceding their application for a driver's license and who meets the requirements for a driver's license set out in this by-law may be issued a permanent driver's license.

14.5 The holder of a conditional driver's license who meets the requirements for a licensed driver set out in this by-law and who has successfully completed the National Standards Certification Program for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers administered by the Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council may be issued a permanent driver's license.

14.6 ~~A conditional driver's licence may not be renewed but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements of a permanent driver's licence unless, and to the extent, the contrary is provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.~~ **A conditional driver's license may not**

be renewed but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements of a permanent driver's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.

14.7 If the holder of a driver's license issued by the Municipality suffers a suspension or revocation of his or her provincially issued license to operate a passenger vehicle, then that person's driver's license must be correspondingly suspended or revoked for the same period of time.

14.8 (1) A driver's license is the property of the Municipality, is non-transferable and automatically terminates upon the death of the holder.

(2) The reproduction of a driver's license in any manner is prohibited.

14.9 An applicant to obtain or renew a driver's license who is claiming the benefit of sections 28.1(k)(i) or 28.3 due to physical limitation or disability, shall provide an up to date medical report at the time of the application.

14.10 The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of a driver's license, or of a category of driver's licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.

15.0 EXPIRY OF APPLICATIONS

15.1 An application for a driver's license automatically expires if the applicant fails to complete the examination process within 12 months from the date of the application.

16.0 FAILURE TO PASS EXAMINATIONS

16.1 An applicant for a driver's license who fails the examinations required by subsection 14.3 (b) twice within the 12 month period following the date of the application, must wait three months from the date of the last attempt before submitting a new application.

PART 5 TERM OF LICENSES

17.0 EXPIRY OF OWNERS' LICENSES

17.1 An owner's license held by an individual expires on the next anniversary date of the license holder's date of birth.

17.2 If an owner's license is held by a corporation, it may select a renewal date for the owner's license for that corporation and thereafter every owner's license held by that corporation expire on the next anniversary of that date.

18.0 EXPIRY OF DRIVERS' LICENSES

18.1 Permanent driver's licenses are valid for a period of up to two years and expires on the second anniversary date of the license holder's date of birth;

18.2 A conditional driver's license is only valid for 12 months and will terminate on the first anniversary of its date of issue.

18.3 If a person's conditional driver's license has expired or been cancelled, that person is not eligible to apply for a permanent license or another conditional driver's license within six months of the expiration or cancellation date of the previous conditional license.

18.4 A driver's license automatically terminates upon the death of the holder.

19.0 FEES: PRORATION AND NONREFUNDABILITY

19.1 The Licensing Authority may in its discretion impose an increase or decrease in licensing fees prorated on a monthly basis to take into account circumstances in which a license is issued for a period of time other than the standard licensed period for that type of license.

19.2 The license fee for a license is not refundable if the license is cancelled, or suspended.

20. EXPIRY DATE TO APPEAR ON LICENSES

20.1 The expiry date must be clearly printed on every owner's license and every driver's license.

21.0 GRACE PERIOD: OWNERS' LICENSES

21.1 Despite the expiry of an owner's license, the license may be renewed at any time within 30 days following its expiry. Licenses in their grace period are not legal to operate.

21.2 Despite the expiry of an owner's license the Licensing Authority may upon application by an owner extend the period in which to renew an owner's license if:

(a) the licensed vehicle to which the license relates has been damaged and prevents the vehicle from being operated as a vehicle for hire; and

(b) the damage has been certified by an adjuster or the licensed owner's insurer or otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority.

21.3 An expired owner's license cannot be renewed if the grace period permitted by section 21.1 or as extended by section 21.2 has expired.

22.0 INCAPACITATED OWNERS AND DRIVERS

22.1 (1) ~~Despite any limitation on the number of licences that may be issued, a~~ **A** driver's licence that has not been renewed because of illness or injury suffered by the license holder may be renewed at any time upon presentation to the Licensing Authority of a medical report satisfactory to the Authority that the licence holder was prevented for medical reasons, during the entire period in question, from being able to operate a ~~taxi, accessible taxi or limousine, as the case may be as~~ a vehicle for hire.

22.2 (1) ~~Despite any limitation on the number of licences that may be issued, a~~ **A** n owner's licence that has not been renewed because of illness or injury suffered by the license holder may be renewed at any time upon presentation to the Licensing Authority of a medical report satisfactory to the Authority that the licence holder was prevented for medical reasons, during the entire period in question, from being able to renew the licence.

22.3 Upon the request of the holder of an owner's license, supported by a medical report satisfactory to the Licensing Authority that establishes to the satisfaction of the Licensing Authority that the license holder is incapable of operating a vehicle as a vehicle for hire for medical reasons, the Licensing Authority must suspend the owner's license until such time as the owner supplies confirmation by way of a medical report satisfactory to the Licensing Authority that they are again capable of operating the vehicle for hire.

22.4 ~~Despite any limitation on the number of owners' licenses that may be issued, if the Licensing Authority has confirmation of a medical suspension under section 22.3, the Licensing Authority, in its discretion, may issue an owner's license to the next person on the waiting list in that zone.~~ **Repeal.**

23.0 LICENSES BECOME INVALID AND NON OPERATIONAL ON EXPIRY

23.1 An owner's license or driver's license that has expired or that has been suspended, cancelled, revoked or terminated is not valid or operational.

24.0 REPLACEMENT LICENSES

24.1 An owner's licence or driver's licence that has been destroyed, lost or stolen will be replaced by the Licensing Authority upon receipt of sufficient proof of the destruction, loss or theft and upon payment of the fee required by Administrative Order 15.

PART 6 OWNERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

25.0 DUTY TO MAINTAIN INSURANCE

25.1 The holder of an owner's license:

(a) must maintain the insurance described in section 9.7 at all times and must provide to the Licensing Authority, upon demand, evidence that the insurance is in force; and

(b) must require the agent or the insurance company that issued the policy of insurance to immediately notify the Licensing Authority of any changes in coverage or the cancellation of any insurance policy.

25.2 The agent or the insurance company referred to in subsection 25.1 (b) must immediately notify the Licensing Authority of any change or cancellation of the policy of insurance.

25.3 The Licensing Authority must immediately suspend an owner's license if it receives notification or otherwise has reason to believe that the insurance for the licensed vehicle may have lapsed, been suspended or cancelled, and if it is confirmed that the vehicle is no longer insured, the Licensing Authority must cancel the owner's license.

25.4 Despite sections 25.1 and 25.3, if the holder of an owner's license submits a medical report satisfactory to the Licensing Authority establishing that the license holder is incapable of operating the vehicle to which the license relates as a vehicle for medical reasons, the Licensing Authority shall suspend the owner's license until such time as the owner is again capable of operating the vehicle as a vehicle for hire.

26.0 ACCESSIBLE TAXIS: PHYSICALLY CAPABLE DRIVERS

~~**26.1** The holder of an accessible taxi owner's license must ensure that all drivers of the accessible taxi to which the license relates are capable of providing and do provide all necessary assistance to passengers to facilitate the use of the accessible taxi.~~

26.0 ACCESSIBLE TAXIS: PHYSICALLY CAPABLE DRIVERS & PASSENGER SECUREMENT SYSTEMS

26.1 The holder of an accessible taxi owner's license must ensure that all drivers of the accessible taxi to which the license relates are properly instructed on how to apply and do apply the accessible taxis mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

26.2 All drivers of accessible taxi vehicles must ensure that all necessary assistance is provided to passengers to facilitate the use of the accessible taxi and that all mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems are applied to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

27.0 DUTY TO ENSURE DRIVERS ARE LICENSED

27.1 The holder of an owner's license must not permit any person to operate the vehicle to which the license relates as a vehicle for hire unless the person is in possession of both a valid provincially issued Nova Scotia license to operate a passenger vehicle and a valid driver's license in accordance with this by-law.

PART 7 DRIVER RULES

28.0 COMPLIANCE

28.1 The driver of a licensed vehicle for hire must comply with the following rules while in control of the vehicle to which the license relates:

(a) a driver must maintain a high standard of personal hygiene which will be reflected in a neat, clean and professional appearance and personal cleanliness at all times;

(b) a driver must not have any other person in the vehicle while engaged by a passenger **except the passenger** unless that passenger gives their consent;

(c) a driver must not charge separate fares when there is more than one passenger, unless agreed upon by all passengers;

(d) upon being applied to in person or by radio, or other electronic means, a driver must, unless already engaged by a passenger, place themselves and the vehicle at the disposal of the person so applying and the driver must proceed to any place in the Municipality that the person requests, but the driver may refuse to drive the person if;

(i) the person's destination violates any owner's license zone restrictions applicable to the vehicle under this by-law;

(ii) the person's conduct at the time of applying, is such that it causes a driver to fear for his or her safety; or

(iii) the person refuses to provide proof of payment or partial payment in advance, as provided for in Administrative Order 39.

(e) a driver must transport any personal luggage accompanying a passenger and must place the luggage in and take it out of the vehicle if requested to do so by the passenger;

(f) if a driver engages to be at a particular place at a particular time, he or she must be punctual in attendance at the that time and place;

(g) a driver must not use abusive or insulting language and must not interfere with the free selection by any passenger of any vehicle;

(h) a driver while in any public place, must not be noisy or display behaviour that is disruptive or offensive to the public;

(i) a driver may solicit passengers but such solicitation must be done professionally and not in a manner that is noisy, disorderly or considered disruptive or offensive to the public;

(j) unless otherwise directed by the passenger, the driver must proceed to the destination by the most direct and shortest route;

(k) a driver must not refuse to transport a disabled passenger **or a service animal** unless:

(i) the refusal is justified by physical limitations or disabilities of the driver, and the driver has provided a medical report to the Licensing Authority that supports his or her claim of physical limitations or disabilities, or

(ii) transporting the passenger would constitute a by-law violation; and

(l) **~~a driver must not smoke in the vehicle nor permit passengers to smoke in the vehicle.~~ a driver must not smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle nor permit passengers to smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle; and**

(m) a driver must abide by the the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 of Administrative Order #39 and ensure that the Code of Ethics is available in the

vehicle for passengers.

28.2 A driver of a licensed vehicle may determine whether a passenger may eat or drink while in the vehicle and where a passenger is to sit.

28.3 Despite subsection 28.1(f) **(e)**, a driver may refuse to handle luggage if the refusal is justified by his or her physical limitations or disabilities and a medical report on the physical limitations or disabilities has been filed with the Licensing Authority.

29.0 DUTY TO ASSIST PASSENGER

29.1 The driver of a licensed vehicle for hire must render all reasonable assistance requested by a passenger in entering or exiting the vehicle or in loading items into the vehicle.

**PART 8
SMOKE FREE VEHICLES, SIGNS, FARES AND METERS**

30.0 VEHICLES TO BE SMOKE FREE

30.1 The owner of a licensed vehicle must not permit smoking in the vehicle at any time, whether or not the vehicle is being operated at the time as a vehicle for hire.

30.2 Neither the owner nor the driver of a licensed vehicle may represent that it is a non-smoking vehicle or a smoke free vehicle if it has been smoked in while owned by the current owner.

31.0 SIGNS

31.1 A vehicle must not be operated as a taxi or an accessible taxi unless it is equipped with a taxi roof light sign that complies with the requirements for taxi roof lights set out in Administrative Order 39.

31.2 ~~An accessible taxi is not required to have a taxi roof light sign if it has side markings that comply with the requirements for side markings set out in Administrative Order 39.~~ **Repeal.**

31.3 A taxi or accessible taxi may display only rooftop advertising that complies with the requirements for rooftop advertising set out in Administrative Order 39.

31.4 The taxi roof light sign must be removed from a taxi, accessible taxi or covered with opaque material when the vehicle is not in service as a vehicle for hire.

32.0 FARES

32.1 A licensed vehicle may carry passengers and their parcels for hire and may carry parcels for hire in the absence of passengers.

32.2 An owner or driver of a licensed vehicle must charge the applicable fares and rates prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

32.3 The fare or rate charged by the owner or driver of a licensed vehicle for the carriage of parcels in the absence of passengers must be the same as for the carriage of passengers.

32.4 An owner or driver of a taxi or accessible taxi is guilty of an offence if he or she receives or demands a fare that is greater than that registered on the vehicle's taxi meter, unless the fare is otherwise in accordance with the fares set out in Administrative Order 39.

32.5 It is not an offence for a driver of a vehicle for hire to accept a gratuity voluntarily offered by a passenger or in the absence of a passenger a person shipping or receiving parcels.

32.6 (1) The driver of a vehicle for hire must not demand any additional charge for:

- (a) the transportation of wheelchairs, walkers or service animals accompanying disabled passengers; or

(b) escorting passengers to and from the first accessible door of their pick-up or destination.

(2) For the purposes of subsection(1)(a), “service animal” means any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability or is used for search and rescue or law enforcement.

32.7 It is not an offence for a driver of a vehicle for hire to negotiate with a passenger an amount to recover the costs of cleaning or repairing the vehicle if the passenger has damaged or soiled the vehicle.

32.8 The driver of a taxi or accessible taxi must post in a place which is clearly visible to passengers:

(a) a copy of Taxi Rate Schedule set out in Schedule 1 to Administrative Order 39; and

(b) if the driver charges fares provided for in Schedule 2 or 3 of Administrative Order 39, a copy of the tariff of fares as set out in the applicable Schedule.

33.0 TAXI METERS

33.1 A vehicle must not be licensed or operated as a taxi or accessible taxi unless it has a functioning taxi meter installed in the vehicle.

33.2 Only one taxi meter may be installed in a taxi or accessible taxi.

33.3 The following specifications apply to a taxi meter and its installation:

(a) it must register only a single tariff;

(b) it must be connected to and operated from a front wheel of the vehicle or from its transmission or driveshaft;

(c) it must be equipped with a timing device that registers the fare while the taxi is engaged but not in motion in accordance with the taxi rate schedule as outlined in Administrative Order 39;

(d) it must be mounted in the taxi so that the registered fare is clearly visible to passengers at all times and is illuminated by a suitable light while in operation at night;

(e) the taxi meter casing and internal components must be kept sealed and intact; and

(f) it must not be calibrated to register any fare other than the fares as outlined in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

33.4 The holder of an owner's license must, at his or her own expense, provide to the Licensing Authority a certificate stating that the taxi meter is properly calibrated to show the fares set out in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

33.5 The Licensing Authority may refuse to accept a certificate provided under section 33.4 if, in the Licensing Authority's opinion, it cannot be relied upon.

33.6 The Licensing Authority must suspend the license of an owner of a taxi or accessible taxi who has contravened section 33.4.

33.7 A license suspended under section 33.6 may be reinstated, subject to any other penalty, or continued suspension, pursuant to this bylaw that is appropriate in the circumstances in the judgment of the Licensing Authority, when the owner satisfies the Licensing Authority that the vehicle to which the suspension relates is equipped with a properly installed and calibrated taxi meter.

34.0 DUTY TO USE TAXI METER

34.1 The driver of a taxi or accessible taxi who transports any passenger or parcel for hire must ensure that the taxi meter operates during the entire period that the vehicle is engaged unless:

(a) the driver has made an agreement with the passenger for transportation of the passenger or parcel at the hourly rate provided for in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39;

(b) the driver is charging a fare provided for in Schedule 2 or 3, as may be applicable, of Administrative Order 39; or

(c) there is a contract for special rates in effect for the transportation of the passenger or parcel as provided for in Schedule 1 of Administrative Order 39.

35.0 TAXI METER INSPECTION

35.1 The Licensing Authority may at any time inspect any taxi meter that is installed in a taxi or accessible taxi and may apply such tests to the vehicle and meter as may be necessary to ascertain the accuracy of the taxi meter.

35.2 An owner or driver of a taxi or accessible taxi who fails to allow an inspection required by the Licensing Authority or its appointee under section 35.1 or who fails to allow or hinders a test referred to in that section is guilty of an offence.

35.3 Without restricting any charge that may be brought under section 35.1, if an owner or driver of a taxi or accessible taxi has failed to allow an inspection required by the Licensing Authority or its appointee under section 35.1 or has failed to allow or hinders a test referred to in that section, the Licensing Authority must immediately suspend the license of the owner of the vehicle and the driver.

35.4 A license suspended under section 35.3 must remain suspended at least until the Licensing Authority is satisfied with the accuracy of the meter.

36.0 OFFENCE: INACCURATE TAXI METERS

36.1 An owner and driver of a taxi or accessible taxi is guilty of an offence if he or she operates or permits the vehicle to be operated as a taxi or accessible taxi if the taxi meter in the vehicle shows a variation of more than five per cent from the proper fare as set out in Schedule 1 to Administrative Order 39.

PART 9 ZONES AND TAXI OWNER'S LICENSE LIMITATIONS

37.0 ZONES

37.1 The Municipality is divided into such taxi zones as may be prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

38.0 TAXIS TO BE LICENSED IN ONLY ONE ZONE

38.1 A vehicle may be licensed as a taxi in only one zone.

38.2 The license sticker issued by the Licensing Authority for a taxi must indicate the zone in which the taxi is licensed.

38.3 A vehicle may only be operated as taxi if a valid license sticker is affixed to the vehicle in the location and manner prescribed by Administrative Order 39, or is affixed in such other location on the vehicle as approved by the Licensing Authority.

39.0 ZONE REGULATIONS FOR TAXI DRIVERS

39.1 A taxi driver may pick up or accept passengers or parcels in the zone in which the taxi is licensed and transport them to any location in that zone.

39.2 A taxi driver may pick up or accept passengers or parcels in any zone and transport them to any location in another zone.

39.3 A taxi driver must not pick up passengers or parcels in a zone in which the taxi is not licensed and carry those passengers or parcels to another location within that same zone unless authorized to do so by Administrative Order 39 or by resolution of the council of the Municipality.

40.0 TAXI OWNER'S LICENSE LIMITATIONS

~~40.1 The number of taxi owners' licenses for each zone in force at any time in the Municipality must not exceed the number prescribed by Administrative Order 39.~~

~~40.2 Except as otherwise provided in this by-law, the Licensing Authority must not issue a new taxi owner's license for a zone unless the number of taxi owners' licenses in force in that zone is below the number prescribed by Administrative Order 39 for that zone.~~

~~40.3 Unless otherwise provided for in this By-Law, or unless the Licensing Authority determines that exceptional circumstances exist, a taxi owner's license that is revoked or surrendered, or which ceases to be in force for any reason other than expiration, can not be renewed or reissued if the renewal or reissuance will result in the number of licenses in force in the zone for which the license was issued exceeding the number prescribed for the zone.~~

~~40.4 The Licensing Authority must maintain a waiting list of applicants for new taxi owner's licences for each zone in accordance with Administrative Order 39 and the maintenance of the waiting lists and new licenses are to be issued in accordance with Administrative Order 39.~~

40.0 LICENSE LIMITATIONS

40.1 Any limitations on the number of taxi owners' licenses and limousine owner's licenses that may be in force at any time in the Municipality shall be as prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

PART 10 COMMON TAXI STANDS

41.0 COMMON TAXI STANDS

41.1 The Traffic Authority for the Municipality may establish Common taxi stands designated by appropriate signs as provided for under the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

41.2 A common stand in a zone may only be used by licensed drivers who are operating accessible taxis, taxis licensed for that zone, or taxis authorized to operate in that zone by Administrative Order 39 or by a resolution of the council of the Municipality enacted for the purposes of section 39.3.

41.3 The following rules apply to the use of a common stand by the driver of a taxi or accessible taxi:

(a) a driver whose vehicle is available for hire may take a position with his or her vehicle at any common stand where there is vacant position in accordance with the number of positions established by the Traffic Authority as posted on the common taxi stand sign;

(b) a driver entering a common stand must take his or her position at the rear of the last vehicle in line at the stand;

(c) whenever a vehicle leaves the common stand, all other drivers must move their vehicles ahead;

(d) a driver must move his or her vehicle when necessary to allow the departure from the common stand of any other taxi or accessible taxi; and

(e) a driver parked at a common stand must not:

(i) leave his or her vehicle unattended,

- (ii) obstruct the exit of another vehicle whose driver indicates a desire to leave the stand, or
- (iii) interfere with the free selection by any passenger of any vehicle at the stand.

PART 11 HOTELS STANDARDS

42.0 HOTEL STANDARD INSPECTION / DECAL

42.1 The owner of a taxi or accessible taxi may apply to the Licensing Authority for Hotel Standard decals and the Licensing Authority must issue the decals if, upon inspection, the taxi or accessible taxi is found to be in full compliance with the requirements of this by-law.

42.2 Hotel Standard decals expire six months after their date of issue and section 42.1 applies with necessary modifications if the owner of a taxi or accessible taxi wishes to renew the decals.

42.3 The owner of the taxi or accessible taxi must pay the fee required under Administrative Order 15 for each inspection of his or her vehicle in respect of an application for, or renewal of, Hotel Standard Decals.

42.4 The owner of a taxi or accessible taxi in respect of which Hotel Standard decals are issued must affix the decals in a place on the vehicle designated by the Licensing Authority so that they are clearly visible.

42.5 A taxi stand designated as a "Hotel Standard Taxi" stand may only be used by taxis and accessible taxis that has displayed a valid Hotel Standard decal issued pursuant to this by-law and which is operated by a licensed National Standard Certified driver.

PART 12

43.0 NATIONAL STANDARDS CERTIFICATION FOR DRIVERS

43.1 A person who holds a driver's license and who has successfully completed the National Standards Certification Program for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers administered by the Nova Scotia Tourism Human Resource Council may apply to the Licensing Authority to have the National Certification Standard identified on his or her driver's license.

PART 13 REFUSAL, SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES

44.0 GENERAL

44.1 The Licensing Authority may suspend or revoke the owner's license or driver's license, or both, of any license holder, or refuse any applicant who

- (a) contravenes this by-law;
- (b) is either charged or convicted pursuant to any municipal by-law, or provincial or federal legislation;
- (c) has committed any act or acts, that in the opinion of the Licensing Authority, it is in the public interest that the person not hold either an owner's license or driver's license;
- (d) refuses to respond or cooperate with an investigation conducted by the Licensing Authority.

44.2 The Licensing Authority may refuse to grant a driver's license or may suspend or cancel a driver's license if

- (a) the applicant or license holder has been convicted of an offense against vulnerable persons, a sexual offence, an illegal sale or possession of drugs, a violent offence or a breach of trust;

(b) the applicant or license holder has failed to immediately notify the Licensing Authority that they have become the subject to a court order, undertaking, charge or conviction;

(c) the applicant or license holder has a driving record, criminal or provincial offence record or outstanding criminal charges that in the opinion of the Licensing Authority makes him or her unfit to operate a taxi, accessible taxi, or limousine, as the case may be; or

(d) the applicant or license holder has a criminal record in another country or jurisdiction that is similar in nature to the provisions described in subsection (a).

45.0 FALSE STATEMENTS

45.1 If an applicant or the holder of an owner's license or driver's license makes a false statement in a statutory declaration made pursuant to this by-law, the Licensing Authority may:

(a) refuse to issue the license that is the subject of the application;

(b) revoke any owner's licenses and or any driver's licenses held by the applicant;
and

(c) direct that the applicant is ineligible to apply for or to be granted a license under this by-law for a period of up to five (5) years.

46.0 NOT FIT AND PROPER PERSON

46.1 In addition to any other grounds for refusing to grant, suspending or revoking an owner's license or a driver's license, the Licensing Authority may refuse to grant, may suspend, or may revoke an owner's license or a driver's license if, in the opinion of the Licensing Authority, the applicant or license holder, as the case may be, is not a fit and proper person to have the license.

47.0 NOTICE OF SUSPENSIONS, REVOCATIONS

47.1 The Licensing Authority must immediately notify a license holder whose owner's license or driver's license has been suspended or cancelled.

47.2 The notice under section ~~48.4~~ **47.1** may be served on the license holder by registered mail addressed to the license holder's last known address on file with the Licensing Authority, and if sent by registered mail is deemed to have been served on the earlier date of actual receipt by the license holder or five business days from the date of mailing.

47.3 The license holder may within 15 days from the date of the service of the notice, appeal the suspension or revocation to the Appeal Committee.

47.4 If at any time a person who holds a driver's license under this by-law ceases to hold a valid class four or better driver's license issued by the Province of Nova Scotia, the driver's license issued under this by-law is deemed to be suspended and the person must immediately surrender it to the Licensing Authority.

47.5 A person whose driver's license is suspended under section ~~48.4~~ **47.4** may apply for reinstatement when his or her provincial chauffeur's license is renewed or reinstated.

47.6 The Licensing Authority may order a driver to take remedial sensitivity training in relation to the provision of service to disabled persons if as a result of its investigation the Licensing Authority is of the opinion that the driver would benefit from such remedial training.

PART 14 APPEALS

48.0 APPEALS

48.1 A person whose application for the issuance or renewal of an owner's license or driver's license is refused by the Licensing Authority, or a person whose owner's license or driver's license is suspended, revoked or cancelled by the Licensing Authority, may appeal the refusal, suspension, revocation or cancellation to the Appeals Committee, within 15 days from the date of the refusal, suspension or cancellation.

~~**48.2** No appeal may be taken from any decision or action of the Licensing Authority except upon written notice of appeal being served upon the Licensing Authority within 15 days from the decision or action appealed from.~~ A person whose application is refused or a person whose owner's license or driver's license is suspended, revoked or cancelled by the Licensing Authority may appeal to the Appeals Standing Committee within 15 days after the refusal, suspension or cancellation by submitting their appeal in writing to the Municipal Clerk's Office.

48.3 The Appeals Committee must hear the Appellant and may

- (a) confirm or vary the decision of the Licensing Authority;
- (b) order that a license be revoked and surrendered; or
- (c) order that a license be granted or reinstated, with or without conditions.

48.4 The Appeals Committee may order that a license be granted or reinstated subject to the appellant passing any tests provided for in this by-law, or proving that he or she meets the qualifications and requirements of this by-law, or subject to any conditions that the appeal committee determines appropriate under the circumstances.

48.5 The Appeals Committee must not make any decision that the Licensing Authority could not have made under this by-law.

PART 15 PROSECUTIONS AND GENERAL OFFENCE

49.0 PROSECUTIONS

49.1 The Licensing Authority or any law enforcement officer of the Municipality may cause to be prosecuted any person who contravenes any law, by-law or administrative order in respect of the ownership or operation of a licensed vehicle.

50.0 GENERAL OFFENCE

~~**50.1** Any person who violates or fails to comply with any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and on conviction is liable to the penalties prescribed in section 299 of the Motor Vehicle Act.~~ A person who contravenes any section of this By-Law is liable upon summary conviction to a minimum penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days.

PART 16 TRANSITION

51.0 TRANSITION

51.1 A license granted under By-Law T-108 before its repeal and that was valid immediately before that repeal is continued under this by-law and expires at the time set out in the license.

51.2 A license granted under By-Law T-108 before its repeal that was suspended or had expired before that repeal may be reinstated in accordance with this by-law and this by-law applies to the reinstatement as if had been in force on the day that the license was suspended or expired.

51.3 An application for a license made under By-Law T-108 is continued as a application for a licence under this by-law and this by-law applies to the application as if it had been in force on the day that the application was made.

51.4 ~~All waiting lists for new owners' licenses that existed under By-law T-108 immediately before its repeal are continued, subject to Administrative Order 39, as waiting lists under this by-law and the names on the list retain the same position on the list as they had before that repeal.~~
Repeal.

**PART 17
REPEAL**

52.0 BY-LAW T-108 REPEALED

52.1 By-law T-108, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law, and all amendments to it are repealed.

Done and passed in Council this 23rd day of October, 2012.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk of Halifax Regional Municipality, here by certify that the above noted By-law was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on October 23, 2012.

Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk

**APPENDIX B
(Amending By-law)**

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
BY-LAW NUMBER T-1001**

RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF TAXIS, ACCESSIBLE TAXIS AND LIMOUSINES

BE IT ENACTED by the Council of Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989 that By-Law T-1000, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis, Accessible Taxis and Limousines be amended as follows:

1. Subsection 9.3(a) is amended by replacing the words “each shareholder holding 25% or more of any type or series of shares in the applicant corporation” with “the applicant officer of the corporation”.
2. Subsection 9.3 is amended by
 - (a) striking out the word “and” at the end of clause c;
 - (b) striking out the period at the end of clause d and adding a semi-colon and the word “ and” at the end of the clause; and
 - (c) adding clause e after clause d as follows:
 - (e) a NS Vehicle Registration permit listing the title and license plate in the name of the applicant or owner’s license holder, or in the name of the lessor of a leased vehicle, if supported by lease documentation from a commercial lessor showing the applicant or owner’s license holder as the lessee of the vehicle.
3. Clause 9.7(a) is amended by inserting after the wording “automobile insurance policy” the wording “issued in the name of the owner’s license holder,”
4. Clause 9.7(b) is amended by replacing the words “expressly includes” with “provides”.
5. Subsection 9.13 is repealed and the following is substituted:

9.13 (1) The Licensing Authority must not issue or renew an owner’s license unless the applicant and the vehicle to be licensed meets or continues to meet the requirements of this by-law and all applicable laws.

(2) The Licensing Authority may decline to issue or renew any owner’s license to any applicant when the Licensing Authority, determines that the issuance or renewal of the license is not in the best interests of furthering the objectives of this by-law, including the transformation of the vehicle for hire industry into a fully accessible, single owner license held by a licensed driver, service model.

(3) Notwithstanding subsection 9.13(1) or any other provision of this by-law, the Licensing Authority may issue or renew an owner’s license, which issuance or renewal is not in compliance with any provision of this by-law, when the Licensing Authority, determines that exceptional circumstances warrant such issuance or renewal.

(4) The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of an owner’s license, or of a category of owner’s licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.
6. Subsection 9.14 is repealed and the following is substituted:

9.14 The Licensing Authority shall not issue or renew an owner's license:

- (a) if the applicant is not the holder of a driver's license issued by the Municipality; or
- (b) if the issuance or renewal of the license will result in the applicant holding more than one owner's license in the Municipality either in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder.

7. Subsection 9.15 is repealed and the following subsection substituted:

9.15 (1) Subsection 9.14(a) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license first issued before July 19, 2008, unless the owner has become a licensed driver subsequent to that date.

(2) Subsection 9.14(b) does not apply to the renewal of an owner's license held on or before the coming into force of that subsection.

8. Clause 9.16(a) is amended by deleting the words "a taxi or limousine" and adding the word "an" after the word "suspend" and before the word "owner's".

9. Clause 9.16(b) is amended by deleting the words "a taxi or limousine" and adding the word "an" after the word "cancel" and before the word "owner's".

10. Subsection 9.18 is repealed and the following substituted:

9.18 (1) The Licensing Authority shall not issue new taxi owner licenses.

(2) A taxi owner license held in respect of a non-accessible vehicle may continue to be renewed.

(3) Upon application to the Licensing Authority, a license holder may change the registered vehicle that is the subject of an owner's license to another vehicle that complies with this by-law.

11. Clause 9.19(2) is amended by adding the following wording to the end: ", to a person who was not a shareholder in the corporation on October 23, 2012".

12. Clause 9.20 is repealed and the following subsection substituted:

9.20 A conditional owner's license may not be renewed, but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements as a permanent owner's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.

13. Clause 12.4 (a) is amended by replacing the word "owner's" with "driver's".

14. Subsection 14.6 is repealed and the following substituted:

14.6 A conditional driver's license may not be renewed but is otherwise subject to the same privileges and requirements of a permanent driver's license unless, and to the extent, the contrary is contained in the attached conditions, or otherwise provided for in this By-Law or Administrative Order 39.

15. Section 14 is amended with the addition of Subsection 14.9:

14.9 An applicant to obtain or renew a driver's license who is claiming the benefit of sections 28.1(k)(i) or 28.3 due to physical limitation or disability, shall provide an up to date medical report at the time of the application.

16. Section 14 is amended with the addition of Subsection 14.10:

14.10 The Licensing Authority may temporarily suspend the issuance or renewal of a driver's license, or of a category of driver's licenses, as determined appropriate by the Licensing Authority to respond to circumstances that may arise.

17. Subsection 22.1 is amended by deleting the wording and comma "Despite any limitation on the number of licenses that may be issued, a" and "taxi, accessible taxi or limousine, as the case may be as a" and adding the word "A" after the deleted comma and word ", a".
18. Subsection 22.2 is amended by deleting the wording and comma "Despite any limitation on the number of licenses that may be issued," and capitalizing the word "an" after the deletion.
19. Subsection 22.4 is repealed.
20. Subsection 26.0 and 26.1 are repealed and the following subsections substituted:

26.0 ACCESSIBLE TAXIS: PHYSICALLY CAPABLE DRIVERS & PASSENGER SECUREMENT SYSTEMS

26.1 The holder of an accessible taxi owner's license must ensure that all drivers of the accessible taxi to which the license relates are properly instructed on how to apply and do apply the accessible taxis mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

26.2 All drivers of accessible taxi vehicles must ensure that all necessary assistance is provided to passengers to facilitate the use of the accessible taxi and that all mobility aid securement systems and occupant restraint systems are applied to all wheelchair passengers in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, prior to operating the taxi.

21. Clause 28.1(b) is amended by deleting the wording "except the passenger".
22. Clause 28.1(k) is amended by inserting after the wording "disabled passenger" the wording "or a service animal".
23. Clause 28.1(l) is repealed and the following substituted:

28.1 (l) a driver must not smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle nor permit passengers to smoke, including e-cigarettes, in the vehicle; and

24. Section 28.1 is amended with the addition of Subsection (m):

28.1 (m) a driver must abide by the the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 of Administrative Order #39 and ensure that the Code of Ethics is available in the vehicle for passengers.

25. Subsection 28.3 is amended by replacing the wording "28.1(f)" with "28.1(e)".
26. Subsection 31.2 is repealed.
27. Section 40 is repealed and the following substituted:

40.0 LICENSE LIMITATIONS

40.1 Any limitations on the number of taxi owners' licenses and limousine owner's licenses that may be in force at any time in the Municipality shall be as prescribed by Administrative Order 39.

28. Subsection 47.2 is amended by replacing the word "48.1" with "47.1".

29. Subsection 47.5 is amended by replacing the word "48.4" with "47.4".

30. Subsection 48.2 is repealed and the following substituted:

48.2 A person whose application is refused or a person whose owner's license or driver's license is suspended, revoked or cancelled by the Licensing Authority may appeal to the Appeals Standing Committee within 15 days after the refusal, suspension or cancellation by submitting their appeal in writing to the Municipal Clerk's Office.

31. Subsection 50.1 is repealed and the following substituted:

50.1 A person who contravenes any section of this By-Law is liable upon summary conviction to a minimum penalty of not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and a maximum penalty of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5000.00), and in default of payment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days.

32. Subsection 51.4 is repealed.

Done and passed on this day of , 2014.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk for the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above-noted by-law was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on , 2014.

Cathy Mellet, Municipal Clerk

APPENDIX C
(Showing Proposed Changes)

HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY-NINE
RESPECTING TAXI AND LIMOUSINE REGULATION

BE IT RESOLVED as a policy of the Council of the Halifax Regional Municipality pursuant to Section 305 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* as follows:

1.0 SHORT TITLE

1.1 This Administrative Order may be cited as Administrative Order Number Thirty-Nine, the Taxi and Limousine Regulation Administrative Order.

2.0 REGULAR FARES

2.1 (a) Vehicles for hire licensed to operate by the Halifax Stanfield International Airport shall while operating under those licenses charge the fare rates established by the Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

(b) Subject to Subsection 2.1 (a) of this Administrative Order, the fares that shall be charged for vehicles for hire within Halifax Regional Municipal shall be as set out in Schedule 1 to this Administrative Order.

2.0A TAXICAB PASSENGER/OPERATOR CODE OF ETHICS

2.1A A driver while operating a licensed vehicle for hire must abide by the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 to this Administrative Order.

3.0 SPECIAL AIRPORT AND PORT FARES

3.1 Subject to Subsection 2.1(a), and notwithstanding Subsection 2.1(b) of this Administrative Order, 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 to this Administrative Order may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule; and

(b) transporting passengers to or from the Halifax International Airport to and from the destinations outlined in Schedule 3 to this Administrative Order may charge the fares set forth in that Schedule.

3.0A ANNUAL RATE REVIEW

3.1A HRM shall review the rates set out in Schedules 1, 2, and 3 to this Administrative Order at least once every calendar year and shall consider the percentage change from the previous year in the Nova Scotia Consumer Price Index ("percentage change") as found in the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index, by Province (Nova Scotia) Annual January Report, as follows:

(a) If the percentage change over the previous calendar year is less than 2.5%, no further consideration shall be given to a rate review. However, the percentage change for that year will be carried forward to the following year and added to the percentage change for that year, and subsequent years, until the total of the percentage change is 2.5% or greater.

(b) If the percentage change over the previous calendar year, or cumulative calendar years as set out in (a), is 2.5% or greater, a report shall be prepared for consideration by Regional Council on whether to increase the rates set out in Schedules 1, 2, and 3 to this Administrative Order. The report shall include some or all of the following:

- (i) input from industry stakeholders;
- (ii) Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index, by Province (Nova Scotia) Annual

January Report information;

- (iii) a survey of other Canadian municipalities;
- (iv) an independent review from the Greater Halifax Partnership; and
- (v) any other information that, in the opinion of the Municipality, may assist Council in its consideration.

(c) Once Regional Council has considered a rate increase in accordance with (b), the percentage change as cumulated in (a) shall reset, whether or not Regional Council has voted to increase the rates set out in Schedules 1, 2, and 3 to this Administrative Order.

(d) Nothing in this section shall prevent Regional Council at any time, by resolution, from considering whether to modify the rates set out in Schedules 1, 2, or 3 to this Administrative Order outside of the annual review.

4.0 TAXI ROOF LIGHT, VEHICLE MARKING REQUIREMENTS & DESIGN

4.1 No vehicle may be operated as a taxi or accessible taxi unless it is equipped with a taxi roof light affixed on the top of the vehicle that;

- (a) meets the design requirements set out in Schedule 4;
- (b) is affixed on the top of the vehicle as near as possible to the centre of the roof, and positioned so the front of the roof light is facing the front of the vehicle and is clearly visible from all sides of the vehicle;
- (c) is equipped with one or more number 1156 clear bulbs, or with a fluorescent bulb or LED light that emits an equivalent amount of light as a 1156; and
- (d) bears the business name under which the vehicle is being operated in the location and manner set out in Schedule 4 for the zone for which the taxi owner's license has been issued.

4.2 The bulb or light required by subsection 4.1(c) must be mounted in the interior of the sign and;

- (a) must be illuminated when the vehicle is being operated as a taxi or accessible taxi for hire but is not responding to a call or carrying passengers or parcels; or
- (b) must be turned off when the taxi is responding to a call or is transporting passengers or parcels.

4.3 ~~Despite section 4.1 an accessible taxi may be operated without a roof light affixed on the top of the taxi vehicle, if it has markings on both sides of the vehicle showing the business name under which it is being operated and the taxi license number; and~~ **An accessible taxi;**

- (a) **is required to have displayed and maintained on all four sides of the vehicle, the international accessibility symbol measuring 100 X 100 mm (4 X 4 in);**



- (b) **is fitted with a roof light sign in compliance with the Accessible Taxi design of Schedule 4 to this Administrative Order.**

4.4 A high sided vehicles such as a van, crossover vehicle or sport utility vehicle may in addition to a roof sign, display markings on both sides of the vehicle showing the business name under which it is being operated and the taxi license number.

4.5 A limousine shall not have a roof light sign nor outside markings (other than the business name under which the vehicle is being operated and contact information for that business).

5.0 VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All taxis, limousines and accessible taxis must comply with the standards set out in Schedule 5.

6.0 ZONES

6.1 The Municipality is divided into the following three zones for the licensing of taxis:

(a) the County Zone, being the area of the Halifax Regional Municipality that is not within either the Dartmouth zone or the Halifax zone.

(b) the Dartmouth Zone, being the geographical area of the former City of Dartmouth.

(c) the Halifax Zone, being the geographical area of the former City of Halifax and the areas also known as Harrietsfield, Sambro, Ketch Harbour and Portuguese Cove.

7.0 ~~Repeal.~~ LIMITS ON NUMBER OF TAXI OWNER LICENSES

~~7.1 The number of taxi owner licenses, inclusive of conditional owner licenses, for each zone in force at any time in the Municipality is;~~

~~_____ (a) in the Halifax Zone, 610 licenses;~~

~~_____ (b) in the Dartmouth Zone, 200 licenses; and~~

~~_____ (c) in the County Zone, 190 licenses.~~

8.0 ~~Repeal.~~ APPLICANT FOR A NEW TAXI OWNER LICENSE

~~8.1 The applicant for a taxi owner's license must be the holder, in good standing, of a taxi driver's license issued by the Municipality.~~

~~8.2 An applicant who receives an offer of a taxi owner's license must complete all of the requirements for licensing a vehicle as a taxi under By-Law T-1000 within 30 days of the date of the offer.~~

~~8.3 If an applicant for a taxi owner's license who holds a taxi owner's license in any zone in the Municipality in his or her name or in the name of a corporation in which the applicant is a shareholder receives an offer of a new owner license, the applicant must surrender the current license within 30 days of the date of the offer.~~

~~8.4 A permanent owner's license may be issued only to an applicant who has successfully completed the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers.~~

~~8.5 If an applicant, at the time of being offered a taxi owner's license, has not successfully completed the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers, the applicant may only be issued a conditional taxi owners license.~~

~~8.6 A conditional taxi owner's license expires on the first anniversary of its date of issue unless, before its expiry, the holder of the conditional license successfully completes the National Standards Certification for Taxicab/Limousine Drivers and converts to a permanent owner's license.~~

~~8.7 A conditional owner's license is not renewable.~~

~~8.8 Sections 8.1 – 8.6 apply only to the issuance of a taxi owner’s license to an applicant from the waiting list and not to taxi owner’s license renewals.~~

9.0 Repeal. WAITING LIST

~~9.1 The waiting lists for taxi owners licenses, if any, of applicants prepared for each zone under sections 77, 78 and 78A of By-law Number T-108 of the Municipality, as those sections read immediately before the repeal of By-law Number T-108, are continued in force.~~

~~9.2 If there are no names on a waiting list for a zone, the list must be closed but the Licensing Authority must re-open it or establish a new list whenever the number of applications for taxi owner licenses for the zone exceeds the number of licenses available in the zone.~~

~~9.3 If the Licensing Authority receives an application for a taxi owner’s license for a zone that cannot be issued because the prescribed number of licenses for that zone have already been issued, the Licensing Authority shall add the applicant’s name to the end of the current waiting list, in order of the date and time of receipt of the application and must process the names in order of seniority as they appear on the list as the number of licenses in the zone to which the application relates drops below the prescribed number of licenses for that zone.~~

~~9.4 Whenever a new taxi owner license can be issued because the number of licenses in force in a zone has fallen below the number prescribed for the zone, the applicants on the waiting list shall be offered the first opportunity to obtain a license in order of their seniority on the list, and the Licensing Authority shall notify the applicant forthwith by registered mail addressed to the mailing address of the driver maintained by the Licensing Authority that the applicant is being offered a license.~~

~~9.5 An applicant’s name must be removed from the waiting list.~~

- ~~(a) Upon the issuance of an owner’s license to the applicant; or~~
- ~~(b) if the applicant fails to license a vehicle as a taxi within 30 days of the delivery of the notice of an offer of an owner’s license.~~

~~9.6 The procedure set out in sections 9.4 and 9.5, must be repeated until the numbers of owners licenses, including conditional owner’s licenses, in force in a zone, is equal to the number of licenses prescribed for the zone or until no names remain on the waiting list, whichever occurs first.~~

~~9.7 The name of an applicant must be removed from a waiting list on the conclusion of any applicable appeal process if the applicant’s driver’s license is cancelled, revoked or otherwise lapses.~~

~~9.8 Nothing in section 9.5, 9.6 or 9.7 prevents a person who holds a driver’s license from re-applying for a taxi owner’s license and having his or her name added at the end of the waiting list, if any, for the zone to which the application relates.~~

10.0 Zone Exceptions

10.1 Pursuant to section 39.3 of By-law T-1000, a taxi driver may pick up and drop off passengers or parcels within a zone for which the taxi is not licensed when:

- (a) the place of commencement and final destination of the passenger’s journey in the taxi are in compliance with By-Law T-1000;
- (b) at anytime in the five-hour period between 12:00 midnight on a Thursday and 5:00 a.m. on Friday;
- (c) at anytime in the five-hour period between 12:00 midnight on a Friday and 5:00 a.m. on Saturday;

(d) at anytime in the five-hour period between 12:00 midnight on a Saturday and 5:00 a.m. on Sunday;

(e) any Sunday night in the five hour period between 12:00 midnight and Monday 5:00 a.m. of a long weekend created by a statutory or declared local holiday in effect on the Monday; and

(f) at such other times, dates and places as are permitted by resolution of the council of the Municipality.

Done and passed in Council this 23rd day of October, 2012.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk of Halifax Regional Municipality, here by certify that the above-noted Administrative Order was passed at a meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on October 23, 2012.

Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk

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Schedule 1

TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATE SCHEDULE

THREE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS initial charge, up to 0 metres.

THIRTEEN CENTS each 76.7 metres.

TWENTY-SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS per hour waiting time

SEVENTY CENTS each additional passenger

HOURLY DRIVING RATE OF THIRTY-TWO DOLLARS AND FORTY CENTS PER HOUR by arrangement between driver and passenger, without meter.

~~**EIGHTY CENTS BRIDGE TOLL** – In addition to the regular taxi fare, a \$0.80 fee will be added to fares when a paying trip involves a bridge crossing for the carriage of passengers or parcels.~~ **Repeal.**

BRIDGE TOLL – In addition to the regular taxi fare, the Bridge Commission's cash toll rate of the day will be added to fares when a paying trip involves a bridge crossing for the carriage of passengers or parcels.

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

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

SPECIAL RATES by contract are permissible when such rates are provided for by contract between the taxi owner or taxi driver and the customer. When customer contact to obtain taxi service is initiated either by telephone, electronic transmission, the customer is entitled to the fare by meter rate, unless a special rate is agreed upon prior to the taxi departing for the customer pickup. When customer contact is initiated in person, the customer is entitled to the fare by meter rate unless a special rate is agreed upon prior to commencement of trip.

PROOF OF PAYMENT OR PARTIAL PAYMENT IN ADVANCE maybe requested by a taxi driver or owner, prior to transporting the passenger or passengers.

LIMOUSINE HOURLY RATE

SHALL BE WHAT EQUATES TO A MINIMUM HOURLY RATE OF **SIXTY FOUR**

DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FIVE CENTS.

(Rates Include HST)

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Schedule 2

**CRUISE SHIP PASSENGER TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATE PER VEHICLE
(Rates Include HST)**

THE PER VEHICLE RATE FOR TRANSPORTING CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS FROM
THE HALIFAX PORT CORPORATION PROPERTY SHALL BE WHAT EQUATES TO AN
HOURLY RATE OF **\$50.75**

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Schedule 3

**TAXI AND ACCESSIBLE TAXI RATES TO AND FROM AIRPORT
(Rates Include HST)**

Note: If 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.

Note: If a destination is located where two zones are divided (by roads), the fare is the lesser of the two.

Destination	Details	Rate	Zone
Halifax	Peninsula commencing beyond Kearney Lake Rd off Bedford Hwy to Hwy 102 including Bayers Lake and St Margaret's Bay Rd to Rotary	\$59.75	14
	South of the Armdale Rotary including up to corner of North West Arm Dr and Old Sambro Rd to and including William Lake Rd	\$67.65	16
	South of William Lake from corner of Spry Av off Herring Cove Rd to corner of North West Arm Dr and Old Sambro Rd and including Leiblin Park and Thornhill	\$73.30	17
	Ragged Lake	\$67.65	16
Dartmouth	From Hwy 118 exit 13 including Burnside, Shannon Park, Portland & Pleasant, west of Prince Albert Rd, Banook Lake and Main St.	\$56.40	11
Dartmouth (con't)	From Main St including up to Ross Rd and connecting to Cole Harbour Rd, West of Bisset Rd including Colby Village to Atholea Dr off Caldwell Rd	\$62.00	15
	East of Portland & Pleasant up along Prince Albert Rd and Main St up to and including Belmont Av off Pleasant St	\$62.00	
	Beyond Atholea Dr off Caldwell Rd	\$67.65	18
	Montegue Rd including Cherry Brook up to Lake Major Rd, including to Main St and Neilson Dr	\$56.40	11
Bedford	From Lakeview, including Dartmouth Rd to Meadowbrook Dr off Bedford Hwy	\$42.85	8
Bedford	From Meadowbrook Dr off of Bedford Hwy to and including Kearney Lake Rd to Hwy 102	\$50.75	10
Sackville	Up to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr including Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and including Lakeview Rd crossing Cobequid Rd	\$42.85	8
	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate	\$37.20	6

	Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd		
	Corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr to Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and #1459 Sackville Dr. (old Sackville Club)	\$54.10	5
	Beyond #1459 Sackville Dr. up to Lewis Lake	\$59.75	3
Airport & Aerotech	Airport Property, Hotels and nearby surrounding area	\$20.30	Property Trip
Beaver Bank	Including Sindha Dr and West of Terry Rd off Windgate Dr to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr	\$54.10	5
	South of Pinehaven Rd including Kinsac Rd	\$59.75	3
Beaver Bank (con't)	From Kinsac Rd up to Beaverbank Villa	\$65.40	1
Bayside		\$101.75	
Beechville	Including Lakeside Industrial Park to corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd	\$67.65	16
Black Point		\$104.85	
Boutliers Point		\$91.35	
Brookside		\$83.45	
Chezzetcook	East	\$104.85	
	Head	\$104.85	
	West	\$101.50	
Cow Bay	Cow Bay Rd, corner of Bisset Rd to including corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr	\$73.30	19
Dover	East	\$110.50	
	West	\$116.15	
Dutch Settlement		\$41.70	
Eastern Passage	Including Cow Bay Rd up to corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr	\$67.65	18
Elderbank		\$65.40	
Enfield		\$25.95	
Exhibition Park	Corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd including Mills Dr off Prospect Rd	\$67.65	16
Fall River	South of the corner of Lake Thomas and Holland Rd including Wilson Dr off Waverly	\$32.70	4

	Rd over to connection of Fall River Rd to Windsor Junction Rd		
	Inn on the Lake to Wilsons Gas at the lights	\$32.70	4
Five Islands Lake		\$86.80	
French Village		\$90.20	
Goffs		\$20.30	
Glen Haven		\$86.80	
Glen Margaret		\$96.95	
Grand Lake		\$33.80	
Hackett's Cove		\$102.60	
Hammonds Plains	Hammonds Plains Rd and Kearney Lake Rd from Hwy 102 up to and including Pin Hi	\$56.35	7
	Golf Club (just beyond Lucasville Rd) Pockwock Road to End	\$67.65	
	Pockwock Road to Highway 103	\$67.65	
Harrietsfield		\$80.05	
Hatchett Lake		\$80.05	
Head of St. Margaret's		\$84.75	
Herring Cove		\$86.80	
Hubbards		\$109.35	
Hubley		\$86.80	
Indian Harbour		\$111.65	
Ingramport		\$90.20	
Jeddore	East	\$135.75	
	Head	\$129.60	
	West	\$134.20	
Ketch Harbour		\$91.35	
Kingswood		\$56.40	7
Lakeside	West of Raines Mill Rd off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$73.30	13
Lakeview		\$42.85	
Lake Charlotte		\$134.20	

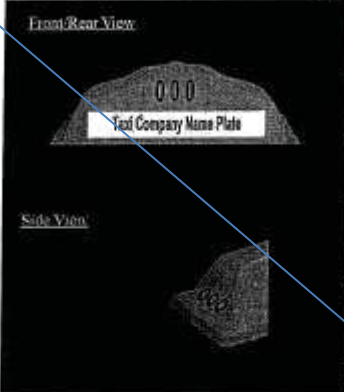
Lake Echo		\$76.65	
Lake Fletcher		\$34.95	
Lawrencetown	Beyond Ross Rd up to but not including Lyle Dr and from Bisset Rd including Raindbow Heaven to Corner of Cow Bay Rd	\$67.65	12
	West	\$76.65	
	Beach	\$84.50	
Lucasville	Commencing from Hwy 101 overpass on Lucasville Rd	\$56.40	7
Meaghers Grant		\$76.65	
Mineville		\$75.55	
Musquodoboit	Harbour	\$112.75	
	Middle	\$92.45	
	Upper	\$118.40	
Oakfield		\$29.15	
Oldham		\$24.80	
Peggy's Cove		\$119.50	
Porters Lake		\$89.10	
Portugese Cove		\$91.35	
Preston	North and East Preston including Lake Major Rd to east of Lower Partridge River Rd including Mineville Rd from Hwy 107 exit 18	\$67.65	12
Prospect		\$96.95	
Purcells Cove		\$77.80	
Queensland		\$109.35	
Sambro		\$93.60	
Seabright		\$90.20	
Shad Bay		\$82.30	
Sheet Harbour		\$227.75	
Ship Harbour		\$177.05	
Tantallon		\$80.05	

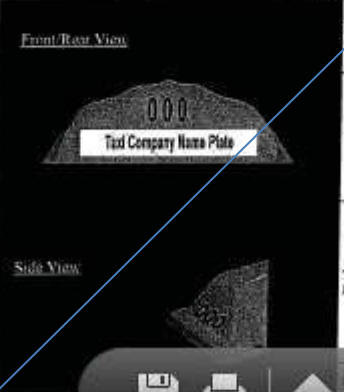
	Upper	\$74.40	
Terence Bay		\$103.75	
Timberlea	East of Cranberry Ln off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$73.30	13
Waverley	Beyond Wilson Dr to corner of Windsor Junction Rd and Cobequid Rd including east of Rocky Lake Drive	\$37.20	6
Waverley	East of the corner of Waverley Rd and Rocky Lake Rd to Mount Portobello	\$42.85	9
Wellington	Corner of Lake Thomas Dr and Holland Rd up to Laurie Park	\$36.10	2
Whites Lake		\$89.10	
Windsor Junction	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd	\$37.20	6

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Schedule 4, Taxi Roof Light, Vehicle Markings Requirement & Design

Schedule 1 - Taxi Roof Light Specifications

DARTMOUTH ZONE		
	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - Yellow Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with suction cups or magnets
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 455mm x 64mm Plate Color - Yellow Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illustration	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

COUNTY ZONE		
	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - White Placement - Secured to centre of roof of cab with suction cups or magnets
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 455mm x 64mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Green
	Illustration	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light





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Schedule 4 - Taxi Roof Light Specifications

Dartmouth Zone		
<div><u>Front/Rear View</u> </div> <div><u>Side View</u> </div>	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - Yellow Placement - Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - Yellow Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

County Zone		
<div><u>Front/Rear View</u> </div> <div><u>Side View</u> </div>	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - White Placement - Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Green Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

Halifax Zone	
<div> <p><u>Front/Rear View</u></p>  <p><u>Side View</u></p>  </div>	<p>Roof Light</p> <p>Size - 425mm long</p> <p>Colour - White</p> <p>Placement – located in the centre and secured on the top of the vehicle.</p>
	<p>Cab Number</p> <p>Text - Cab Number</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm</p> <p>Letter Color - Blue</p> <p>Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light top</p>
	<p>Taxi Company Name Plate</p> <p>Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm</p> <p>Plate Color - White</p> <p>Text - Company Name</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - 47 mm high</p> <p>Letter Color - Red</p> <p>Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light</p>
	<p>Side</p> <p>Text - HFX</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - 50mm</p> <p>Letter Color - Blue</p> <p>Placement – Both Sides of Roof Light - Bottom</p>
	<p>Illumination</p> <p>Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light</p>

Accessible Taxi		
<div>Front/Rear View</div> 	Roof Light	Size - 425mm long Colour - White Placement - Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light - top
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting An equivalent light

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Schedule 5

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

1. A taxi, accessible taxi or limousine must be maintained to the following requirements:
 - (a) be equipped with an engine of at least four cylinders;
 - (b) pass inspection by an authorized official of the Licensing Authority;
 - (c) bear a valid, non-rejected, Province of Nova Scotia motor vehicle safety sticker and matching certificate, which is not more than 12 months old;
 - (d) be insured in the amounts and with the coverage required by By-law T-1000;
 - (e) have a height from the top of the floor to the underneath side of the roof of at least 45 inches (114.3 cm);
 - (f) have 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 (137.1 cm);
 - (g) have a length from the dashboard, excluding extremities, to the front of the back seat of at least 63 inches (160.0 cm);
 - (h) have first class repairs with no visible body fillers, rust, primer paint, accidental damage or similar defects and the interior passenger and trunk area must be maintained in a clean and orderly condition;
 - (i) have a wheelbase measurement of at least 105 inches (266.7 cm);
 - (j) have a maximum seating capacity of eight passengers excluding the driver; and
 - (k) have matching wheel covers or designer rims on all 4 wheels, winter rims are permitted between October 15th to April 30th, must be kept clean and rust free.
2. (1) A taxi must have a minimum of four passenger doors (excluding any rear hatches) and may be a sedan, station wagon, sport utility vehicle (SUV), cross over vehicle or mini-van.
 - (2) Despite section 1, a smaller fuel efficient vehicle, may be used as a taxi, **or accessible taxi (if D409 compliant)** if
 - (a) the performance standard for the vehicle fuel consumption is 7.8 litres of fuel per 100 kilometres or less
 - (b) the vehicle meets the requirements of paragraphs (1) (b) (c) (d) (h) and (j);
 - (c) the vehicle has a width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 51 inches (129.5 cm); and
 - (d) the vehicle has a wheelbase measurement from the centre of the front wheel to the centre of the rear wheel of at least 101 inches (256.5 cm).
3. ~~An accessible taxi must provide 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 conforms with all sections of Canadian Standard Association D409-02: Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities;~~ **An accessible taxi must provide 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 conforms with all sections of Canadian Standard Association D409-02: Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities, and is required to

(a) have displayed and maintained on all four sides of the vehicle, the international accessibility symbol measuring 100 X 100 mm (4 X 4 in);



(b) have on board a fully stocked NS First Aid Kit #3;

(c) have on board a seat belt cutter; and

(d) have on board one current (2 – 2.5 kg) dry chemical fire extinguisher.

4. (1) A limousines must be a full sized luxury class sedan or full sized luxury class sport utility vehicle (SUV) vehicle and must have;

(a) a minimum of four passenger doors (excluding any rear hatches);

(b) standard seating capacity for at least four passengers and a maximum seating capacity of eight passengers excluding the driver;

(c) a leather or other superior quality upholstered interior; and

(d) 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;

4. (2) Only vehicles of the following makes may be used as limousines:

(i) Cadillac;

(ii) Lincoln;

(iii) Rolls Royce;

(iv) Jaguar;

(v) Mercedes-Benz;

(vi) Bentley;

(vii) Royal Princess.

4. (3) Despite section 4.(2), a vehicle that the Licensing Authority determines to be of comparable limousine quality and interior to vehicles of the makes listed in that subsection may be used as a limousine.

5. (1) A vehicle entering into the industry shall not be accepted for registration as a licensed vehicle under an owner's license, if the difference between the calendar year of manufacture of the vehicle as shown on the provincially issued motor vehicle registration and the calendar year in which the vehicle is presented for registration under the owner's license exceeds seven (7) years.

(2) A vehicle which has an "Ignition Alcohol Interlock Device" installed cannot be issued a vehicle for hire license or remain licensed as a vehicle for hire.

Schedule 6

Taxicab Passenger / Operator Code of Ethics

1. As a taxicab passenger, you have the right to:

- A professional operator who is courteous and knowledgeable and who practices good hygiene.
- Be transported by the most direct route unless you request a different route.
- Expect all reasonable assistance in entering or exiting the vehicle when requested.
- Expect all reasonable assistance in loading or unloading items in or out the vehicle when requested.
- Expect service animals to be transported.
- Expect no other person(s) to be in the vehicle while you are being transported unless your consent is given.
- Expect a receipt upon request which indicates the fare paid, date & time, company name and roof light number.
- Expect that there be no smoking at any time in the vehicle.
- A taxicab in good mechanical and physical condition.
- A taxicab that has a clean passenger and trunk compartment and vehicle exterior.
- A taxicab which is clearly identifiable and has the municipal licence clearly displayed.
- A taxicab with a meter which charges an accurate fare for the distance and time travelled according to regulations.

2. Your taxicab operator has the right to expect a passenger or passengers to:

- Behave in a civil manner.
- Refrain from smoking, drinking or eating food inside the taxicab.
- Not leave the interior of the vehicle in an unsanitary or unusable condition.
- Not distract or otherwise prevent the operator from focussing on driving the taxicab.
- Clearly disclose their destination prior to departure.
- Confirm a method of payment upon request.
- Make prompt payment of the posted fare.
- Provide a deposit, up to the estimated amount of the fare, in advance, if requested.

3. Service may be refused or interrupted in the following circumstances:

- Passenger refuses to show proof of payment or partial payment in advance as requested.
- Passenger request would constitute the driver breaking the law or violating the HRM taxi, limousine regulations.
- Passenger appears to be in need of emergency medical assistance.
- Passenger refuses to disclose a specific final destination or the person's conduct is such it causes and operator to be fearful for his or her safety.

Done and passed in Council the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above noted Motion was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on _____, 2014.

Cathy Mellet, Municipal Clerk

APPENDIX D

(Amending Administrative Order)

**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NUMBER THIRTY NINE
RESPECTING TAXI AND LIMOUSINE REGULATION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of Halifax Regional Municipality, under the authority of Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293, R.S.N.S. 1989, that Administrative Order Number 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulation be amended as follows:

1. Section 2.0A is added:

2.0A TAXICAB PASSENGER/OPERATOR CODE OF ETHICS

2.1A A driver while operating a licensed vehicle for hire must abide by the Taxicab Passenger/Operator Code of Ethics as set out in Schedule 6 to this Administrative Order.

2. Subsection 4.3 is repealed and the following substituted:

4.3 An accessible taxi;

(a) is required to have displayed and maintained on all four sides of the vehicle, the international accessibility symbol measuring 100 X 100 mm (4 X 4 in);



(b) is fitted with a roof light sign in compliance with the Accessible Taxi design of Schedule 4 to this Administrative Order.

3. Section 4 is amended by the addition of Subsection 4.5:

4.5 A limousine shall not have a roof light sign nor outside markings (other than the business name under which the vehicle is being operated and contact information for that business).

4. Section 7 is repealed.

5. Section 8 is repealed.

6. Section 9 is repealed.

7. Schedule “1” “Eighty Cents Bridge Toll” is repealed and the following substituted;



BRIDGE TOLL – In addition to the regular taxi fare, the Bridge Commission’s cash toll rate of the day will be added to fares when a paying trip involves a bridge crossing for the carriage of passengers or parcels.

8. Schedule “4” is repealed and the following substituted



Schedule 4 -Taxi Roof Light Specifications


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Dartmouth Zone

<div> <p><u>Front/Rear View</u></p>  </div> <div> <p><u>Side View</u></p>  </div>	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - Yellow Placement – Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - Yellow Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

County Zone

<div> <p><u>Front/Rear View</u></p>  </div> <div> <p><u>Side View</u></p>  </div>	Roof Light	Size - 568mm long Colour - White Placement - Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light
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	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

Accessible Taxi		
<div> <div>Front/Rear View</div>  </div>	Roof Light	Size - 425mm long Colour - White Placement - Located in the centre, secured to the top of the cab
	Cab Number	Text - Cab Number Font - Arial Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm Letter Color - Blue Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light -top
	Taxi Company Name Plate	Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm Plate Color - White Text - Company Name Font - Arial Letter Size - 47 mm high Letter Color - Red Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light
	Illumination	Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light

Halifax Zone

Front/Rear View



Side View



Roof Light	<p>Size - 425mm long</p> <p>Colour - White</p> <p>Placement - located in the centre and secured on the top of the vehicle.</p>
Cab Number	<p>Text - Cab Number</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - front/rear - 51mm - sides - 42mm</p> <p>Letter Color - Blue</p> <p>Placement - Front, Rear, Both Sides of Roof Light - top</p>
Taxi Company Name Plate	<p>Plate Size - 456mm x 64mm</p> <p>Plate Color - White</p> <p>Text - Company Name</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - 47 mm high</p> <p>Letter Color - Red</p> <p>Placement - Front, Rear of Roof Light</p>
Side	<p>Text - HFX</p> <p>Font - Arial</p> <p>Letter Size - 50mm</p> <p>Letter Color - Blue</p> <p>Placement - Both Sides of Roof Light - Bottom</p>
Illumination	<p>Number 1156 clear bulb or fluorescent bulb emitting an equivalent light</p>

9. Schedule "5", clause 2(2) is amended by inserting after the word "taxi" the wording ",or accessible taxi (if D409 compliant)".
10. Schedule "5", section 3 is repealed and the following substituted;

3. An accessible taxi must provide 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 conforms with all sections of Canadian Standard Association D409-02: Motor Vehicles for the Transportation of Persons with Physical Disabilities, and is required to

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- (b) have on board a fully stocked NS First Aid Kit #3;
- (c) have on board a seat belt cutter; and
- (d) have on board one current (2 – 2.5 kg) dry chemical fire extinguisher.

11. Schedule "5", is amended by the addition of clause 5. (1) and clause 5. (2);

5. (1) A vehicle entering into the industry shall not be accepted for registration as a licensed vehicle under an owner's license, if the difference between the calendar year of manufacture of the vehicle as shown on the provincially issued motor vehicle registration and the calendar year in which the vehicle is presented for registration under the owner's license exceeds seven (7) years.

(2) A vehicle which has an "Ignition Alcohol Interlock Device" installed cannot be issued a vehicle for hire license or remain licensed as a vehicle for hire.

12. Schedule 6 is added as follows:

Schedule 6

TAXICAB PASSENGER / OPERATOR CODE OF ETHICS

4. As a taxicab passenger, you have the right to:
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- Passenger refuses to show proof of payment or partial payment in advance as requested.
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- Passenger refuses to disclose a specific final destination or the person's conduct is such it causes and operator to be fearful for his or her safety.

Done and passed in Council the _____ day of _____ 2014.

Mayor

Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, Municipal Clerk of the Halifax Regional Municipality, hereby certify that the above noted Motion was passed at a meeting of the Halifax Regional Council held on _____, 2014.

Cathy Mellet, Municipal Clerk