
April 20, 2010

Steve Adams
Chair Taxi & Limo Advisory Committee
C/O HRM
City hall
1841 Argyle Street
P.O. Box 1749
Halifax, NS B3J 4A5

Dear Mr. Adams:

Re: Safety of Disabled Persons

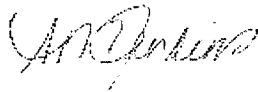
My sister, Amanda Jenkins, and I are writing on behalf of our late sister, Holly Bartlett who had a visual impairment. On March 26, 2010 Holly became disoriented after getting out of the wrong side of a taxi in a direction, which was away from her home. Holly struggled to find her way and, in turn, walked off a steep concrete embankment. She passed away on the morning of March 28 as a result of her injuries.

We would like an opportunity to speak to the Taxi and Limo Advisory Committee regarding by-laws governing Taxi and Taxi drivers in the HRM. It is our hope to voice our concerns about the safety of Disabled Persons who rely on taxis to commute within HRM.

Sincerely,



Kim Oates



Amanda Jenkins

cc. Office of the Municipal Clerk
Anne MacRae, Executive Director, Disabled Persons Committee
Jerry Blumenthal, Councillor
Cynthia Bruce, Nova Scotia League for Equal Opportunities
Barb LeGay, Visually-Impaired Safe Travel Advocates
Tom Boyd, Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Halifax