

**TAXI AND LIMOUSINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
November 9, 2006**

PRESENT: Councillor Stephen D. Adams, Chair
Mr. Derek Mathers
Mr. Kevin Bulley
Mr. Tim Hosford
Mr. Robert Richards
Ms. Cathy Towers

ABSENT: Mr. Bill Harrison (*regrets*)
Ms. Darlene Grant-Fiander (*regrets*)
Mr. Denis St. Laurent

STAFF: Mr. Kevin Hindle, Regional Coordinator, Taxi and Limousine
Services
Constable Winnell Jackson, HRP
Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk
Ms. Chris Newson, Legislative Assistant

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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm in Meeting Room "C", Keshen Goodman Library without quorum present. He introduced Constable Winnell Jackson, HRP, replacing Sergeant Regan Fong on the Committee in regard to the Taxi Driver Safety issue.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA, ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS

MOVED BY Mr. Kevin Bulley, seconded by Mr. Tim Hosford that the agenda be approved as amended. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES - October 12, 2006

MOVED BY Mr. Tim Hosford, seconded by Mr. Kevin Bulley that the minutes of October 12, 2006 be approved as circulated. MOTION PUT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4.1 Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee's Workplan

Mr. Randolph Kinghorne, Solicitor, entered the meeting at 12:06 pm.

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Richards, seconded by Ms. Cathie Towers that this item be deferred. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

Mr. Derek Mathers arrived at 2:10 pm. Quorum was present at this time.

MOVED BY Mr. Hosford, seconded by Mr. Bulley that the previous motions, in regard to agenda items 2, 3 and 4.1, be ratified at this time. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

The Chair introduced Ms. Jan Gibson, Municipal Clerk. Ms. Gibson reviewed the guidelines for public meetings indicating copies were available. She reminded those in attendance that they are observers of democracy and are not to actively participate in the debate while the meeting was in session. Disrespectful or disruptive behaviour will be addressed by the Chair who will reiterate the guidelines for the public meeting. If the disruptive behaviour continues, the individual may be asked to leave the room or the meeting may be recessed or adjourned.

5. CONSIDERATION OF DEFERRED BUSINESS

Mr. Mathers requested that Item 7.1 Safety Camera Standards/Technology Sub-Committee, be discussed with Item 5.1 Safety of Taxi Drivers.

5.1 Safety of Taxi Drivers

Mr. Hindle advised that the provincial Occupational Health and Safety Department has re-iterated their offer to assist with educational material in regard to taxi driver safety.

7.1 Safety Camera Standards/Technology Sub-Committee

Mr. Derek Mathers advised that the Safety Camera Standards/Technology Sub-Committee will meet to discuss options and provide an update to the Committee once the requested information has been received/reviewed in regard to safety cameras.

5.2 Bylaw T-108 Review

Mr. Hindle and Mr. Kinghorne confirmed that the final draft of the proposed amendments to By-Law T-108 will be provided to the Taxi and Limousine Advisory Committee for final review/comment.

(i) Dartmouth Owners Roof Light Waiting List

Mr. Hindle responded to Mr. Mathers that there are currently six (6) companies on the Dartmouth Owners Roof Light Waiting list; five of whom remain active with the Registry of Joint Stocks although this is not a requirement.

Mr. Hindle and Mr. Kinghorne provided clarification to Mr. Richards in regard to the process for having a name added to the waiting list for the Dartmouth zone. Staff indicated that if the proposed amendments are approved by Regional Council, licenses will not be issued to corporations. Any corporations currently on the list will be given ninety days to replace the corporation name with an individual's name. The Dartmouth Waiting list is the only list that currently contains corporations.

Staff explained that the goal is:

- to have the three waiting lists (County, Halifax and Dartmouth) adhere to the same regulations/criteria and to be similarly worded.
- To be eligible to have your name added to the waiting list for a rooftop in any of the zones, you will have to be a licensed driver and will have to apply to be added to the list.

- Only one rooflight will be issued per person on a go forward basis. This will be a step toward an owner/operator system.

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Richards, seconded by Mr. Derek Mathers that the proposed amendment to By-Law T-108, in regard to no corporations on the rooflight waiting list for the Dartmouth zone, be rejected.

Upon further discussion of the intended motion, staff identified that Mr. Mathers was in a conflict of interest on this matter.

Without a seconder, the **MOTION WAS LOST.**

The Committee agreed to defer discussion on this matter to the next meeting.

5.3 Transferability of Roof Lights

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Richards, seconded by Mr. Kevin Bulley that this matter be deferred until Mr. Denis St. Laurent is in attendance to speak to the matter. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.4 Accessible Taxi Service

Mr. Hindle advised that this item maybe removed from the agenda as it was discussed at the last meeting.

5.5 Code of Ethics (*Final Draft*)

- A copy of the final draft of the Code of Ethics was before the Committee.

Mr. Hindle confirmed that the proposed amendments to By-Law T-108 includes amended wording to Section 56 to reflect that a driver may request, in advance, an amount up to the estimated amount of the fare.

MOVED BY Mr. Tim Hosford, seconded by Mr. Derek Mathers that the Code of Ethics final draft be approved as presented. MOTION PUT AND PASSED.

5.6 Alternate Meeting Day and Time

The Committee agreed to change the meeting time to Thursday mornings and to consider alternate meeting locations. The December meeting will be held at the same time and location with options for the 2007 meeting year to be provided at that time.

6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS - None

7. REPORTS

7.1 Safety Camera Standards/Technology Sub-Committee - (Verbal)

This item was dealt with earlier in the meeting during discussion on Item 5.1 Taxi Driver Safety. See page 4.

8. NOTICES OF MOTION - None

9. ADDED ITEMS - None

10. MOTIONS - None

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - Thursday, December 14, 2006.

MOVED BY Mr. Robert Richards that the December 14, 2006 meeting be cancelled. Mr. Kevin Bulley advised that a number of items have been deferred and should be addressed; therefore, a meeting should be held in December.

Having no seconder, the **MOTION WAS LOST.**

Councillor Adams offered his regrets for the December 14th meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Chris Newson
Legislative Assistant