

Halifax Regional Council September 14, 2004 6:00 p.m.

TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Regional Council

SUBMITTED BY:

Wayne Anstey, Q.C., Municipal Solicitor

DATE:

September 12, 2004

SUBJECT:

By-Law T-132, An Amendment to By-Law T-108,

Respecting the Licensing of Taxis and Limousines

INFORMATION REPORT

ORIGIN

At the meeting of Halifax Regional Council held on September 07, 2004, Regional Council approved Second Reading to By-Law T-132, An Amendment to By-Law T-108, Respecting Taxi and Limousines.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

When By-Law T-132 was first brought to Regional Council from the Taxi and Limousine Committee, the By-Law contained provisions dealing with the following issues:

- 1) Limousine Driver Licensing
- 2) Standards Respecting Roof Lights
- 3) Fixed Taxi Fares To And From Airport
- 4) Miscellaneous Amendment Respecting County Taxi Limitations

Prior to the By-Law being given First Reading on July 13, 2004, Councillor Adams moved (seconded by Councillor Mosher) that the provisions respecting Limousine Driver licensing be removed from the By-law, since there were possible conflicts with the amendment relating to National Certification brought forward by the Hotel Standards Committee and which Regional Council had referred to the Taxi and Limousine Committee. As a result, the proposed amendments respecting Limousine Driver licensing were not given First Reading by Council, nor were they advertised for the public hearing on September 07, 2004.

At the September 07, 2004 meeting of Regional Council, the form of the By-law that was distributed to Council still contained the provisions respecting Limousine Driver licensing and because of the passage of time since the July 13, 2004 meeting of Regional Council, staff overlooked the fact that these Sections had not received First Reading or been advertised. Therefore the amendments respecting Limousine Driver licensing were not properly before the Council meeting and could not legally be adopted at Second Reading. Therefore, these amendments will not be reflected in By-Law T-108.

The remainder of By-Law T-132 which was intended to be adopted were properly adopted at Second Reading.

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

This recommendation has no budget implications.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES/BUSINESS PLAN

This report complies with the Municipality's Multi-Year Financial Strategy, the approval Operating, Capital and Reserve budgets, policies and procedures regarding withdrawals from the utilization of Operating reserves, as well as any relevant legislation and business plans.

ALTERNATIVES

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

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