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**Item No. 11.1.2**

**Halifax Regional Council  
September 8, 2009**

**TO:** Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** July 29, 2009

**SUBJECT:** **Proposed By-Law T-139 - An Amendment to By-Law T-108 Respecting  
the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines**

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## **RECOMMENDATION REPORT**

### **ORIGIN**

In the February 17, 2009, Report To The Mayor as a Result of The Roundtable, it was recommended under item 18, to “make more taxis available through changes to the current municipal taxi licencing policies”.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Regional Council approve in principle By-Law T-139, amending By-law T-108 Respecting the Regulations of Taxi & Limousines (attached as Appendix A) to extend the current open taxi zone hours 7 days/per week from 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m and direct staff to arrange for its formal introduction for First Reading.

## **BACKGROUND**

On June 17, 2008, Regional Council approved a motion that zones be opened from Friday 11:00 p.m. to Saturday 3:00 a.m. and Saturday 11:00 p.m. to Sunday 3:00 a.m. The previous legislation did not permit taxis to operate outside of their licensed zones at any time.

## **DISCUSSION**

In the February 17, 2009, the Report, Partnering for Public Safety, A Response To The Mayor as a Result of The Roundtable, recommended improvements relative to transportation. Among other things, the report specifically recommended making more taxis available through changes to the current municipal taxi licencing policies, as the current hours of operation are not conducive to the Downtown Bar Scene (page A35 of the Report). Therefore, staff are recommending the current legislation be extended to be more conducive to the downtown bar scene.

The additional recommendations in regards to transportation will be addressed at a later time.

## **BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

There are no budget implications as a result of this report.

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT POLICIES / BUSINESS PLAN**

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

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Maintaining the status quo, and not adopt the recommended amendment to By-Law, T-108. This alternative is not recommended.
2. Extend the current By-Law to allow Friday 11:00 p.m. to Saturday 6:00 a.m. and Saturday 11:00 p.m. to Sunday 6:00 a.m.
3. Eliminate all zones within the HRM.
4. Remove limitation.
5. Remove limitations and zones within the HRM.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: By-Law T-139 - Amendment to By-Law T-108, Respecting the Regulations of Taxis and Limousines

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html> then choose the appropriate meeting date, or by contacting the Office of the Municipal Clerk at 490-4210, or Fax 490-4208.

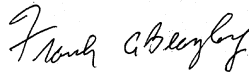
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**HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY  
BY-LAW NUMBER T-139**

**RESPECTING THE REGULATION OF 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-108, Respecting the Regulation of Taxis and Limousines be amended as follows:

1. Section 46 (b) is repealed and the following section substituted:

46 (b) it shall be an offence for a driver licenced under this By-law, other than an accessible taxi driver, to pick up or to accept a passenger in any zone other then the zone in which the vehicle is licenced and to carry that passenger to another location within that zone, except from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every day of the week.

Done and passed on this?? , 2009.

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Acting 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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Acting Municipal Clerk