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TO:

Mayor Kelly and Members of Halifax Regional Council

Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: December 18, 2009

SUBJECT:Request From The Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA) to
Amend Administrative Order #39, Schedule #3

ORIGIN

Staff received correspondence dated October 26, 2009, (attached as Appendix A) from the Halifax International Airport Authority (HIAA), requesting an amendment to Administrative Order #39, Schedule 3, Taxi Rates To and From Airport.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Regional Council adopt the proposed Schedule 3, Taxi Rates To and From Airport, of Administrative Order 39 (attached as Appendix B).

BACKGROUND

In October 2005, Regional Council approved the current Administrative Order #39, Schedule 3.

On September 1, 2009, staff met with representatives from the HIAA regarding their proposed amendments. The current HIAA Licencing Agreements for taxi and limousines services expired on September 30, 2009. With the development of new licencing agreements, the HIAA felt it was an opportune time to enhance customer service by redefining some previous destinations and introducing a numbered zone system for the more frequently requested areas within the HRM.

DISCUSSION

Staff have reviewed the correspondence, had further discussions with the HIAA staff and determined the following;

- 19 zones were established based on geographical area, existing rates and input from the HIAA Taxi Committee;
- the rates for the proposed zones were established by averaging the current rates within a zone, the travel distance and time to each specific zone and input from the HIAA Taxi Committee, which resulted in;
 - 10 current destinations within the new zones, average rate decrease of 3.3%;
 - 18 current destinations within the new zones, average rate increase of 4.2%; and
 - 10 current destinations within the new zones, no change in the rate.

Rates to the remaining destinations within the HRM, outside the new zones, were also reviewed based on the travel distance and time to each destination and input from the HIAA Taxi Committee, with the following results;

- 57 current destinations outside the new zones remain unchanged;
- 4 current destinations outside the new zones, average rate increase of 7.4%; and
- 1 current destination outside the new zones will see an increase of 24.7%

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. Regional Council could maintain status quo. Staff do not recommend this alternative.

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2. Regional Council could decide to drop the flat rate fare schedule and apply the meter rate to all trips to or from the airport. Staff do not recommend this alternative as a flat rate schedule enhances Customer Service.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Letter, Halifax International Airport Authority, dated October 26, 2009.Appendix B: Proposed Rate Zones and Schedule 3, Administrative Order #39.

A copy of this report can be obtained online at <u>http://www.halifax.ca/council/agendasc/cagenda.html</u> 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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Appendix A



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HALIFAX REGIONAL POLICE Taxi and Limousine Services P. O. Box 1749 HALIFAX Nova Scotia B3J 3A5

Dear Mr. Hindle:

RE: HALIFAX INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY (HIAA) REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #39, SCHEDULE 3

In October 2005, HRM Regional Council approved the current Administrative Order #39, Schedule 3.

The current HIAA licencing agreements for taxi and limousine service expired on September 30, 2009. The development of a new agreement was an opportune time to address concerns including those with the current flat rate schedule. In addition, the continued growth within the HRM has resulted in some areas not being covered by the current flat rate schedule, and, as a consequence, operators are charging different rates.

In reviewing models used by other Airports we developed a system that would meet our needs. Basically we have taken the busiest areas in HRM that are serviced by the Airport rack licensed operators and created nineteen (19) zoning districts. In creating the zoning districts, we looked at the main route into each zone to ensure that the customer was being charged the correct fare, while ensuring that the driver was being compensated appropriately for each fare. We also considered the differences in fares when moving from one zone to an adjacent zone. If a driver was travelling from one zone directly into another zone, where possible, we tried to make the difference between zones to be no more than \$5.

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We believe these districts, once approved, will be much easier for the passengers, the Ground Transportation Inspector (GTI) and the drivers to understand. We completed some averaging, where necessary, to create larger zones, but maintained the integrity of the current rates. The resulting zone maps will become part of the license agreements as a schedule and will also be posted at the Ground Transportation Booth and the Compound. To enhance customer service, we hope to eventually have the information available at the Ground Transportation Booth via a touch screen.

Keeping in mind proposed zoning district plans for the future, as HRM continues to grow; future growth will already be captured within zones, eliminating confusion on the part of the driver and the passenger. In addition, if the meter rate changes, the zoning districts will simplify the adjustments required to amend the rates.

We met with our Ground Transportation Committee and fine-tuned the zones and the resulting map has received approval in principle from the Committee.

Your recommendation of the proposed amendment would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul Baxter Vice President Operations

Enclosure

cc - Cathy Towers, Ground Transportation, Manager, HIAA



Administration Order #39 - Schedule 3

Taxi Rates To and From Airport (Rates Include HST)

<u>Note</u>: In the event that 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: In the event where 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	\$53.00	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	\$60.00	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	\$65.00	17
	Ragged Lake	\$60.00	16
Dartmouth	From Hwy 118 exit 13 including Burnside, Shannon Park, Portland & Pleasant, west of Prince Albert Rd, Banook Lake and Main St.	\$50.00	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	\$55.00	15
	East of Portland & Pleasant up along Prince Albert Rd and Main St up to and including Bellmont Av off Pleasant St	\$55.00	
	Beyond Atholea Dr off Caldwell Rd	\$60.00	18
	Montegue Rd including Cherry Brook up to Lake Major Rd, including to Main St and Neilson Dr	\$50.00	11

Bedford	From Lakeview, including Dartmouth Rd to Meadowbrook Dr off Bedford Hwy	\$38.00	8
	From Meadowbrook Dr off of Bedford Hwy to and including Kearney Lake Rd to Hwy 102	\$45.00	10
Sackville	Up to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr including Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and including Lakeview Rd crossing Cobequid Rd	\$38.00	8
	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd	\$33.00	6
	Corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr to Lucasville Rd until Hwy overpass and #1459 Sackville Dr. (old Sackville Club)	\$48.00	5
	Beyond #1459 Sackville Dr. up to Lewis Lake	\$53.00	3
Airport & Aerotech	Airport Property, Hotels and nearby surrounding area	\$12.00	Property Trip
Beaver Bank	Including Sindha Dr and West of Terry Rd off Windgate Dr to corner of Beaverbank Rd and Sackville Dr	\$48.00	5
	South of Pinehaven Rd including Kinsac Rd	\$53.00	3
Beaver Bank (con't)	From Kinsac Rd up to Beaverbank Villa	\$58.00	1
Bayside		\$89.00	-
Beechville	Including Lakeside Industrial Park to corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd	\$60.00	16
Black Point		\$93.00	
Boutliers Point		\$81.00	
Brookside		\$74.00	
Chezzetcook	East	\$93.00	
	Head	\$93.00	
	West	\$90.00	
Cow Bay	Cow Bay Rd, corner of Bisset Rd to including corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr	\$65.00	19
Dover	East	\$98.00	
	West	\$103.00	
Dutch Settlement		\$37.00	
Eastern Passage	Including Cow Bay Rd up to corner of Dyke Rd near Dogwood Dr	\$60.00	18

Elderbank		\$58.00	
Exhibition Park	Corner of St Margaret's Bay Rd and Prospect Rd including Mills Dr off Prospect Rd	\$60.00	16
Fall River	South of the corner of Lake Thomas and Holland Rd including Wilson Dr off Waverly Rd over to connection of Fall River Rd to Windsor Junction Rd	\$29.00	4
	Inn on the Lake to Wilsons Gas at the lights	\$29.00	4
Five Islands Lake		\$77.00	
French Village		\$80.00	
Goffs		\$18.00	
Glen Haven		\$77.00	
Glen Margaret		\$86.00	
Grand Lake		\$30.00	
Hackett's Cove		\$91.00	
Hammonds Plains	Hammonds Plains Rd and Kearney Lake Rd from Hwy 102 up to and including Pin Hi Golf Club (just beyond Lucasville Rd)	\$50.00	7
	Pockwock Road to End	\$60.00	
	Pockwock Road to Highway 103	\$60.00	
Harrietsfield		\$71.00	
Hatchett Lake		\$71.00	
Head of St. Margaret's		\$72.00	
Herring Cove		\$77.00	
Hubbards		\$97.00	
Hubley		\$77.00	
Indian Harbour		\$99.00	
Ingramport		\$80.00	
Jeddore	East	\$123.00	
	Head	\$114.00	
	West	\$119.00	
Ketch Harbour		\$81.00	
Kingswood		\$50.00	7

Lakeside	West of Raines Mill Rd off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$65.00	13
Lakeview		\$38.00	
Lake Charlotte		\$119.00	
Lake Echo		\$68.00	
Lake Fletcher		\$31.00	
Lawrencetown	Beyond Ross Rd up to but not including Lyle Dr and from Bisset Rd including Raindbow Heaven to Corner of Cow Bay Rd	\$60.00	12
	West	\$68.00	
	Beach	\$75.00	
Lucasville	Commencing from Hwy 101 overpass on Lucasville Rd	\$50.00	7
Meaghers Grant		\$68.00	
Mineville		\$67.00	
Musquodoboit	Harbour	\$100.00	
	Middle	\$82.00	
	Upper	\$105.00	
Oakfield		\$26.00	
Oldham		\$22.00	
Peggy's Cove		\$106.00	
Porters Lake		\$79.00	
Portugese Cove		\$81.00	
Preston	North and East Preston including Lake Major Rd to east of Lower Partridge River Rd including Mineville Rd from Hwy 107 exit 18	\$60.00	12
Prospect		\$86.00	
Purcells Cove		\$69.00	
Queensland		\$97.00	
Sambro		\$83.00	
Seabright		\$80.00	
Shad Bay		\$73.00	
Sheet Harbour		\$202.00	
Ship Harbour		\$157.00	

Tantallon		\$71.00	
	Upper	\$66.00	
Terence Bay		\$91.00	
Timberlea	East of Cranberry Ln off St Margaret's Bay Rd	\$65.00	13
Waverley	Beyond Wilson Dr to corner of Windsor Junction Rd and Cobequid Rd including east of Rocky Lake Drive	\$32.00	6
Waverley	East of the corner of Waverley Rd and Rocky Lake Rd to Mount Portobello	\$38.00	9
Wellington	Corner of Lake Thomas Dr and Holland Rd up to Laurie Park	\$32.00	2
Whites Lake		\$79.00	
Windsor Junction	Ashburn Golf Club to Terry Rd off Windgate Dr including Windsor Junction Rd until it meets with Cobequid Rd	\$33.00	6