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**Item No. 10.1.3**

**Halifax Regional Council  
January 26, 2010  
February 16, 2010**

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

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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Dan English, Chief Administrative Officer

**DATE:** January 25, 2010

**SUBJECT: Proposed By-Law T-140, Amendments to By-law T-108 Respecting the Regulations of Taxis and Limousines, Regarding Hybrid and Smaller Fuel Efficient Vehicles**

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**Supplementary Report**

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**ORIGIN**

On January 6, 2009, a motion of Regional Council requested staff to initiate the process to amend By-law T-108 to allow hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles and to address the issue of zone and a number of administrative changes.

On November 10, 2009 Regional Council approved in principle By-Law T-140 and Notice of Motion given to proceed with First Reading at the next Council Meeting. This matter has been deferred until February 2, 2010.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council approve first reading of By-Law T-140 (attached as Appendix A), Respecting the Regulation of Taxi and Limousines, introducing hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles that fit the performance standard of 7.8 litres per 100 km, have a door post to door post measurement of 51 inches and have a wheelbase measurement of 101 inches.
2. A public hearing not be held in respect of the proposed amendment.

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**BACKGROUND**

On January 6, 2009, a motion of Regional Council requested staff to initiate a process to amend By-law T-108, to permit the introduction of hybrid and smaller more fuel efficient vehicles with a performance standard of 7.8 litres per 100 km, a reduced door post to post size requirement of 51 inches down from 54 inches, and a reduced wheelbase of 101 inches down from 105 inches. Regional Council also requested that the report include information on accessibility issues that the aforementioned amendment may cause.

By-Law T-140 was tentatively scheduled to come before Council for First Reading on February 2, 2010. However, staff have been informed that Conserve Nova Scotia is closing March 31, 2010. As of March 31st, Conserve Nova Scotia will no longer exist, have any funding or run any programs. To expedite the inclusion of hybrid and small more fuel efficient vehicles under T-108 to meet the Conserve Nova Scotia deadlines only those matters are provided for in the attached By-Law T-140.

**DISCUSSION**

Conserve Nova Scotia is proposing the taxi pilot be fully administered by the Nova Scotia Auto Dealers Association (NSADA). By-Law T-140 must be approved by mid February, even though this will cut it extremely close, there still should be sufficient time to complete the necessary paperwork required to finish our approvals and contract required to allow NSADA to move forward to administer the program i.e. receive our funding, set up to provide the incentives, set up for the data collection, prepare the educational/advertising materials, etc.

Given the requirement to meet the Conserve Nova Scotia's funding deadline attached By-Law T-1401 will now solely consist of this proposed amendment pertaining to the introduction of hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles that fit the performance standard of 7.8 litres per 100 km, have a door post to door post measurement of 51 inches and have a wheelbase measurement of 101 inches.

It is staff intention to bring forward the remaining amendments from the original proposed By-Law T-140 at a future date, as proposed By-Law T-141.

**BUDGET IMPLICATIONS**

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

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**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**


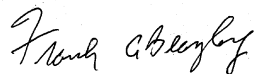
- (1) Maintain the status quo, and not adopt the recommended amendments to By-Law, T-108. This alternative is not recommended.
- (2) Introduce restrictions within current limitations that would limit the number of hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicle permitted in each zone, e.g., 20 of the 610 allowable Halifax owners licenses must be hybrid or smaller fuel efficient vehicles.
- (3) Hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles not be included in the current limitations regarding owner licenses. Therefore, the number of owner licenses may exceed the current limits per zone should the licensed vehicle be a hybrid or smaller fuel efficient vehicle.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Appendix A: By-Law, T-140, Respecting The Regulations of Taxis & Limousines to introduce Hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles .

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-140**

**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 11 (1) (iv) be amended by the addition of the following:

(k) hybrid and smaller fuel efficient vehicles, fitting the performance standard of 7.8 litres per 100 km, as well as subsections (b), (c), (d), (h) and (j) of this section, may also be permitted as taxis, having the following measurements;

(I) has a minimum width from the inside of one door post to the inside of the door post on the opposite side of at least 51 inches;

(ii) has a minimum wheelbase measurement from the centre of the front wheel to the centre of the rear wheel of at least 101 inches.

Done and passed on this            day of            , 2010.

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Mayor

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Municipal Clerk

I, Cathy Mellett, 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            , 2010.

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Cathy Mellet, Acting Municipal Clerk