

Halifax Regional Council  
October 1, 2002

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

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Wayne Anstey, Director, Administrative & Legal Services

**DATE:** September 24, 2002

**SUBJECT:** Number of Amendments to Taxi and Limousine Bylaw

## INFORMATION REPORT

### ORIGIN

At the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Halifax Regional Council Councillor Adams requested that the Clerk provide to Council the exact number of amendments to the Taxi and Limousine By-Law which have been considered by Council this year.

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

There was a total of five amendments to the Taxi and Limousine By-Law placed before Regular Council between September 2001 and September 2002. The information in this report identifies the dates and outcomes of these amendments.

November 20, 2001: Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-118 - Increase in Taxi Limitation-Halifax Zone.

December 4, 2001: First Reading of By-Law T-118 Increase in Taxi Limitation-Halifax. The By-Law was abandoned on January 29, 2002 and incorporated into By-Law T-119.

January 22, 2002: Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-119 to increase the maximum number of taxi owner licenses in the Halifax zone, to outline the mechanism to provide for an increase in future years and for the distribution of additional licenses.

January 29, 2002: First Reading By-Law T-119 Respecting Taxi Limitations.

February 19, 2002: Second Reading of By-Law T-119 - Regional Council split the four recommendations and they were voted on separately as follows:

- Recommendation #1 - To increase the maximum number of taxi owner licenses in the Halifax zone was passed.
- Recommendation #2 - Which outlined the mechanism to provide for an increase in future years was rejected.
- Recommendation #3 - To provide for a review of the maximum number of

- owner licenses after three years was rejected.
- Recommendation # 4 - To provide a mechanism for the distribution of available owner licenses to drivers who do not have vehicle licenses was deferred to February 26, 2002.
- On February 26<sup>th</sup>, Council agreed to defer Second Reading of By-Law T-119 for three weeks.
- March 26, 2002: Second Reading By-Law T-119 - passed.

July 9, 2002: Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-120 to amend By-Law T-108 to add the following subsection: 12(3) A vehicle shall not be licensed as a limousine and a taxi at the same time.

July 16, 2002: First Reading By-Law T-120.

August 27, 2002: Second Reading By-Law T-120 - By-Law passed.

August 20, 2002: Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-121 to amend By-Law T-108 to add a clause to limit the application of the illness and injury rule in respect of illnesses and injuries that existed prior to the effective date of the amendment removing the three-year limitation.

August 27, 2002: First Reading of By-Law T-121.

September 17, 2002: Second Reading - By-Law T-121- By-Law passed.

August 27, 2002: Notice of Motion for First Reading of By-Law T-122 to amend By-Law T-108 to provide for a meter drop rate increase and other cost recoveries.

September 10, 2002: First Reading By-Law T-122 - Defeated.

### **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.

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