

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2006

AMENDMENT TO LICENSING BY-LAW / TAXICAB TARIFFS

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That Council receive input from the public and approve the proposed amendment to the taxicab tariff rates, as attached hereto.

Economic Impact

Not applicable

Purpose

To provide the opportunity for the public to comment on the proposed amendments to the taxicab tariff.

Background - Analysis and Options

On January 23,2006 Council approved the recommendation of Councillor Carella, Chair of Taxicab Advisory Committee, that taxicab tariff rates be increased and that notice be given of a public meeting to receive comments from the public with respect to the proposed increases. (Attachment)

Notice of the public meeting has been advertised in local newspapers in accordance with the City of Vaughan Notice By-Law Number 394-2002.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The proposed increases in the tariff rates will ensure that the taxi industry in the City of Vaughan remains a viable business serving the needs of its residents.

Attachments

- Extract of Council Meeting of January 23,2006
- Current and Proposed Taxicab Tariff

Report prepared by:

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Manager Special Projects Licensing & Permits

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach
City Clerk

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2006

Item 1, Report No. 1, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 23, 2006.

1 AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSING BY-LAW / TAXICAB TARIFFS

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Carella, Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee, dated January 16, 2006, subject to inserting “and that Council direct staff to provide notice of the public meeting in compliance with the City’s Notice By-law No. 394-2002” at the end of the recommendation:

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella, Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee, recommends that the Licensing By-law be amended, to increase taxicab tariffs as per the attached Schedule; and that a Special Council meeting be held at the earliest possible date, to receive comments from the public with respect to the proposed increase.

Economic Impact

Not Applicable

Purpose

To assist the local taxicab industry, which faces increases in the costs of gasoline, insurance, and automobile replacement and/or maintenance.

Background - Analysis and Options

Taxicab tariffs were last amended some five years ago. In the ensuing period, operating costs have increased significantly, such that amendments to the tariff are appropriate at this time.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The viability of this important local service depends on reasonable revenues, which this recommendation seeks to ensure.

Attachments

Schedule: Current and Proposed Taxicab Tariffs

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

CURRENT TARIFF

TARIFF RATES, CITY OF VAUGHAN
BY-LAW NO. 315-2005
LEGAL TAXI CAB TARIFF

BY DISTANCE- ONE TO FOUR PASSENGERS
FOR THE FIRST **190 METRES** OR PART THEREOF **2.75**
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 190 METRES OR PART THEREOF **.25**

FOR WAITING TIME WHILE UNDER ENGAGEMENT
FOR EACH 31 SECONDS - **.25**
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PASSENGER IN EXCESS OF FOUR **.25**

BAGGAGE

FOR EACH TRUNK **.75**
(ANY ITEM WITH A CONTENT OF MORE THAN
0.9 CU METRES SHALL BE DEEMED A TRUNK) (3 CU. FT.)

HAND BAGGAGE, IF NOT CARRIED BY PASSENGER
INSIDE OF VEHICLE **.25**
PER ITEM (BRIEF CASES AND PARCELS OF
COMPARABLE SIZE SHALL
BE DEEMED NOT TO BE HAND BAGGAGE)
BAGS AND CARTONS CONTAINING
GROCERIES, IF LOADED AND UNLOADED
BY DRIVER PER BAG **.25**
UP TO A MAXIMUM OF **1.00**
WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE CARRIED FREE

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX INCLUDED
CHARGES FOR ITEMS NOT COVERED BY
THIS TARIFF SHALL
BE AGREED UPON BEFORE THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRIP

PROPOSED TARIFF

TARIFF RATES, CITY OF VAUGHAN
BY-LAW NO. 315-2005
LEGAL TAXI CAB TARIFF

BY DISTANCE- ONE TO FOUR PASSENGERS
FOR THE FIRST **170 METRES** OR PART THEREOF **3.00**
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL 170 METRES OR PART THEREOF **.25**

FOR WAITING TIME WHILE UNDER ENGAGEMENT
FOR EACH 31 SECONDS - **.25**
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PASSENGER IN EXCESS OF FOUR **2.00**

BAGGAGE

FOR EACH TRUNK **AS AGREED UPON**
(ANY ITEM WITH A CONTENT OF MORE THAN
0.9 CU METRES SHALL BE DEEMED A TRUNK) (3 CU. FT.)

HAND BAGGAGE, IF NOT CARRIED BY A PASSENGER
INSIDE OF VEHICLE **AS AGREED UPON**
PER ITEM (BRIEF CASES AND PARCELS OF
COMPARABLE SIZE SHALL
BE DEEMED NOT TO BE HAND BAGGAGE)
BAGS AND CARTONS CONTAINING
GROCERIES, IF LOADED AND UNLOADED
BY DRIVER PER BAG **AS AGREED UPON**
UP TO A MAXIMUM OF **AS AGREED UPON**
WHEELCHAIRS WILL BE CARRIED FREE

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX INCLUDED
CHARGES FOR ITEMS NOT COVERED BY
THIS TARIFF SHALL
BE AGREED UPON BEFORE THE
COMMENCEMENT OF THE TRIP
FOR DELIVERY OF ANY PARCEL, DOCUMENT, OR THING,
WHERE NO PASSENGER IS CARRIED – MINIMUM CHARGE **\$10.00**
FLAT RATE TO AIRPORT IF ARRANGED WITH DRIVER
PRIOR TO TRIP.