



REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO LICENSING AND RETAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 6, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Room 218
150 Frederick Street, 2nd Floor

Present were: Chair G. Lorentz, L. Armstrong, D. Craig and J. Mitchell

Members absent: K. Seiling and J. Wideman

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT

None declared.

DELEGATIONS

CR-CLK-LIC-12-005, Request from City Cabs for Additional Accessible Taxi-Cab License

a) Terry Kirby, Co-op Manager, City Cabs

T Kirby present information attached to the report as Appendix "A" and as outlined in the minutes of the Licensing and Retail Committee dated May 08, 2012. T. Kirby is requesting that one additional handicapped taxi license be added to the by-law and that this license be awarded to City Cabs. T. Kirby advised Committee members of the growing demands City Cabs has with respect to the use of this type of vehicle. City Cabs currently has a contract with the Waterloo Regional School Board for the transportation for students with disabilities.

b) David Byers, United Taxi

D. Byers was concerned about the issuance of an additional taxi license. He believed that the existing ratios for regular cab needed review and that the existing ratio needed to be increased. The Taxi Association had supported this request and it was also made at the May 08, 2012 meeting. While D. Byers concerns were largely focused on the regular taxi ratio, he was also concerned about the increase to the accessible licenses.

REPORTS – Corporate Resources

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K. Fletcher reviewed the report and provided an explanation about why the report is returning to Committee at this time:

- There is an immediately need.
- There are currently no standards with respect to accessible taxi cab ratios. There is a substantial variance between municipalities.
- Further consultation with the Grand River Accessibility Advisory Committee (GRAAC) and the taxi industry will be required before a long term solution and ratio can be determined.

- Municipalities across the Province will need to establish ratios in accordance with the AODA before the end of the year but this will not meet the timing required by T. Kirby (commencement of the school year Sept. 2012).

K. Fletcher also explained that staff is also continuing to look at the regular taxi cab ratio and will also report back to the industry and Committee on this topic before the end of the year.

G. Lorentz also commented to D. Byers that there are different needs for the different companies. An increase of an additional accessible taxi cab is meeting those needs and provides good service to the community. G. Lorentz advised the delegations that they could attend the Council meeting on June 27 if they wished to voice their opinions to Council.

MOVED by L. Armstrong
SECONDED by D. Craig

THAT the Regional Municipality of Waterloo provide notice in accordance with the Notice Policy to amend Taxi-cab Meter By-law 04-069 as amended, to increase the number of Accessible Taxi-cab Owner licences from fifteen (15) to sixteen (16);

AND THAT Taxi Brokers be advised that it is the Region's intent to award this additional license to City Cabs - 421532 Ontario Limited, of Kitchener, Ontario to meet their immediate need.

CARRIED

ADJOURN

MOVED by J. Mitchell
SECONDED by

THAT the meeting adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE CHAIR, *G. Lorentz*

COMMITTEE CLERK, *K. Fletcher*