



Regional Municipality of Waterloo
Licensing and Hearings Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

1:44 p.m.

Regional Council Chamber

150 Frederick Street, Kitchener, Ontario

Present were: Chair J. Mitchell, L. Armstrong, G. Lorentz, J. Nowak, and K. Seiling

Absent: D. Craig

Also present: E. Clarke, T. Galloway, H. Jowett, K. Kiefer and S. Strickland

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None declared.

Reports – Planning, Development, and Legislative Services

PDL-CAS-15-12/PDL-LEG-15-82, Taxi By-law Review Update

Kris Fletcher, Regional Clerk, provided an overview of the report. She noted that there was a sizable amount of participation in the first phase of the consultation process. The consultant that reviewed the input from the public found that opinions on what course should be taken were split depending on age and involvement in the taxi industry. She noted that a full copy of the consultant's report is available on the Region's website.

K. Fletcher informed the Committee that staff are continuing to monitor legal developments in other jurisdictions. She explained that a private members bill has recently been introduced in the Provincial Legislature that would regulate transportation network companies. K. Fletcher recommended that a staff report be presented in late January or early February outlining various options for consideration by Committee.

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This will allow staff to monitor developments in other jurisdictions and still have a new by-law in place in 2016.

The Committee thanked staff for the report and agreed that the proposed next steps are appropriate given the changing situation.

S. Strickland provided the following Notice of Motion for the December 16, 2015 Regional Council meeting:

I, Sean Strickland, hereby give notice that I intend to introduce the following motion at the December 16th meeting of Regional Council:

That Regional Municipality of Waterloo request the Ministry of Transportation for the Province of Ontario pass legislation and/or regulations to provide a standardized approach for the Province to address taxi-cab mobile applications, such as Uber, as outlined in the report PDL-CAS-15-12/PDL-LEG-15-82, Taxi By-law Review Update, dated December 8, 2015;

And that this legislation would consider the appropriate vehicle insurance and driver provisions for all operators in the ride hailing industry;

And further that the legislation and/or regulations would ensure public safety.

Received for information.

Other Business

Adjourn

Moved by G. Lorentz

Seconded by L. Armstrong

That the meeting adjourn at 2:03 p.m.

Carried

Committee Chair, J. Mitchell

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher