



Regional Municipality of Waterloo

Licensing and Hearings Committee

Minutes

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

6:00 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: S. Foxton, T. Galloway, H. Jowett, D. Jaworsky, K. Kiefer, K. Redman, S. Shantz, and S. Strickland

Chair J. Mitchell provided introductory comments. She noted that the purpose of the meeting is to direct staff on the next steps for public consultation and that there would be no discussion of the by-law itself.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest Under The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None declared.

Reports – Planning, Development, and Legislative Services

PDL-CAS-16-05, Comprehensive Taxi By-law Review, Phase 2

Kris Fletcher, Regional Clerk, provided an overview of the report. She noted that staff are recommending that a second round of consultation be conducted to gather feedback on seven key policy questions. She advised that the recommended consultation would consist of two public input meetings and a stakeholder meeting. Staff will then prepare a report for the Committee to make decisions on the policy directions.

K. Fletcher stated that the first public input meeting would be limited to thirty-six speakers with no limit in the second public input meeting. She also noted that delegations would not be permitted when the Committee debates the policy directions; but would be allowed to appear before the Committee when a draft by-law is presented. S. Strickland requested that staff provide an update on the work done by other municipalities prior to the first public input meeting.

In response to a question from the Committee, K. Fletcher noted that Bill 131, Opportunity in the Sharing Economy Act, has been sent to Committee but that no dates have been set for it to be reviewed.

Moved by K. Seiling

Seconded L. Armstrong

That the Regional Municipality of Waterloo directs staff to organize formal public meetings for the Taxi By-law Review on March 29, 2016 and April 5, 2016; and

That the Taxi By-law Review meetings of the Licensing and Hearings Committee be held as Committee of the Whole meetings of Regional Council until a new taxi by-law is formulated as outlined in report PDL-CAS-16-01, dated March 2, 2016.

Carried

Adjourn

Moved by K. Seiling

Seconded by G. Lorentz

That the meeting adjourn at 6:13 p.m.

Carried

Committee Chair, J. Mitchell

Committee Clerk, T. Brubacher