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REVISED - City announces taxi advisory group

The City of Edmonton has selected six volunteer members to sit on the newly-formed vehicle for hire Industry Advisory Group.

The group will provide a forum for members to raise and review issues affecting taxis and limousines in our city and provide feedback to City officials. The group will provide input on matters of safety, customer service, training, rates, the release of plates, and other issues as they arise within the industry.

Members Suzan Burtic, Kathy Grady, Ali Haymour, Balwinder Dhanoa, Jasbir Gill, and Philip Strong each bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge regarding the vehicle for hire industry and its issues.

"We're eager to work with the group to better understand the needs of the industry, and to ensure excellent service to the citizens of Edmonton," says Garry Dziwenka, Director of Licensing with the City.

In January, the City invited individuals to submit their applications to serve on the group. Members selected represent a cross-section of industry perspectives, including limousine company operators, regular and accessible taxi drivers, and taxi company management.

The Industry Advisory Group will meet monthly and a summary of those meetings will be made public on the City's <u>website</u>. The first meeting will be held on March 25, 2014.

Meetings will be closed to the public. Representatives of stakeholder groups including the Edmonton Police Service, Edmonton International Airport and Responsible Hospitality Edmonton will participate as appropriate.

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