

## Proposed bylaw would allow more ride options

The City of Edmonton is proposing a new Vehicle for Hire Bylaw that would allow technology-based dispatchers to operate, increasing ride options available for Edmontonians. The proposal also seeks to maintain a competitive traditional taxi sector.

"Many Edmontonians said they wanted us to consider the options," said Garry Dziwenka, director of licensing and vehicle for hire. "Our hope is that the recommendations to City Council meet residents' expectations while maintaining a level playing field in the industry, keeping our citizens safe and respecting provincial legislation."

Highlights of the proposed bylaw include:

- allowing technology-based companies that have mobile app dispatch services to operate
- standardizing all vehicle for hire class requirements to include mandatory criminal record checks, proper class of provincial licence, proper insurance and yearly mechanical inspections
- same fees for licences for all classes of vehicles for hire

The public is invited to review and comment on the draft bylaw through an [online survey](#) that will be available until September 10, 2015. This public feedback will be summarized in a report that will be presented at the non-statutory public hearing on September 16, 2015.

To register to speak at the September 16 and 17, 2015, the public may register [online](#), in person before the start of the meeting or by calling 780.496.8178 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.

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