

Bylaw 16031

A Bylaw to Amend the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 14700

Recommendation:

That Executive Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 16031 be given the appropriate readings.

Purpose

The purpose of this Bylaw is to amend the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 14700.

Readings

Bylaw 16031 is ready for three readings.

If Council wishes to give three readings during a single meeting, then prior to moving third reading, Council must unanimously agree “That Bylaw 16031 be considered for third reading.”

Position of Administration

Administration supports this Bylaw.

Report Summary

This Bylaw will amend the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 14700 to allow Administration to release new Licences for Limited Taxi Vehicles and Accessible Taxi Vehicles. The Bylaw will also modify the selection process for the issue of such Licences.

Report

- At the December 14, 2011, City Council meeting, the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 14700 was amended to allow the issuance of 50 new Accessible Taxi Vehicle Licences, as well as 50 new Limited Taxi Vehicle Licences.
- Bylaw 14700 delegates responsibility to the Vehicle for Hire Commission to issue the plates and to determine the procedure for the selection process. The Commission has failed to pass the required motions.
- Time is of the essence. This Bylaw will transfer the authority to issue those new Licences from the Taxi Commission to Administration. Further, it will give authority to Administration to set out the procedure for the selection process.
- This change will allow the Licences to be issued in a timely manner, which will allow the City to meet the expectations set out in its Memorandum of Understanding with the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority (Airport).
- This Memorandum of Understanding recognizes that there are issues, such as deadheading, which affects for hire vehicles operating between the Airport and the City.
- In order to reduce the deadheading problem, the City agrees to release 100 additional taxi vehicle licences of which no more than 50% are accessible taxi vehicle licenses and to distribute these licences in a fair manner.
- The Airport is prepared to issue a Request for Proposal for provision of vehicle for hire service at the Airport which will be limited to proponents that have a valid City taxi broker’s licence and to only permit drivers and vehicles that have a City licence to provide the service.
- In addition, this Bylaw will modify the eligibility criteria for the selection process for the new Licences to be issued by: (1) clarifying that the driving experience required must be within the past year; and (2) adding a

requirement that an applicant must possess a current agreement with a licensed Taxi Broker.

- Finally, the Bylaw changes the term “lottery” to “selection process” to better reflect what takes place when new Licences are released.

Corporate Outcomes

- This Bylaw relates to the goal of “improving Edmonton’s liveability” as specified in the City’s Strategic Plan.

Justification of Recommendation

The release of new vehicle licences is tied to having Edmonton brokers, vehicles, and drivers providing passenger transportation service at the Edmonton International Airport. The amendments will allow the additional vehicle licences to be issued in a timely manner, which will allow the City to meet the expectations set out in its Memorandum of Understanding with the Edmonton Regional Airports Authority.

Others Reviewing This Report

- D. H. Edey, General Manager, Corporate Services

Attachments

1. Bylaw 16031