



City of Hamilton

AUDIT, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 21-018

Date: October 21, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall (CC)

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Angela McRae, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 5987

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- *6.1. Ron Vankleef and Anthony Rizzutto, Hamilton Cab and Blue Line Tax, respecting Item 10.2, Report on Taxi Industry Options (For today's meeting)

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- *10.2. Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry (LS21020(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)

12. NOTICES OF MOTION

- *12.1. Timely Access to Confidential Documents

13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- *13.1. Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:

*13.1.a. Item to be Removed:

Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi and Snow Plow Industries (LS21020) (City Wide)

Added: June 3, 2021 at AF&A - Item 7.4

Competed: October 21, 2021 at AF&A - Item 10.2

OBL Item: 21-H

14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

14.1. Commercial Relationship Between City of Hamilton and Garda Canada Security Corporation also known as GardaWorld Canada Security Corporation also known as GardaWorld Corporation (LS20025(a) / FCS20083(a)) (City Wide) - WITHDRAWN

*14.1.a. Item 14.1 has been Withdrawn - Commercial Relationship Between City of Hamilton and Garda Canada Security Corporation also know as GardaWorld Canada Security Corporation also known as GardaWorld Corporation (LS20025(a)/FCS20083(a)) (City Wide)

Submitted on Monday, October 18, 2021 - 1:02pm Submitted by anonymous user: 172.70.178.156 Submitted values are:

==Committee Requested==

Committee: Audit, Finance & Administration Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Ron Vankleef / Anthony Rizzutto

Name of Organization: Hamilton Cab / Blue Line Taxi

Contact Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

Reason(s) for delegation request: Discuss October 21ST Report Taxi Industry Options. Our input and concerns currently being faced.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Audit, Finance and Administration Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	October 21, 2021
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Options for Relief from Municipal Charges for the Taxi Industry (LS21020(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
PREPARED BY:	John McLennan (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5736
SUBMITTED BY:	Stephen Spracklin City Solicitor Legal Services
SIGNATURE:	

COUNCIL DIRECTION

- (i) That staff be directed to prepare correspondence to be sent to the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario, the Ministry of the Attorney General, the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, the Insurance Broker Association of Ontario, the Insurance Brokers Association of Hamilton, and other appropriate bodies respecting the cost of liability insurance for the taxi and snow plow industries and requesting the exploration of options for relief.
- (ii) Staff were directed to determine the number of snow plow operators in the last two years that have not been able to provide service due to insurance issues and report back to the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee.

INFORMATION

In regard to Item (i) Appendix A contains the proposed wording for correspondence from the Mayor's Office to various government bodies and insurance organizations requesting the exploration of options for relief for the taxi industry with the acquisition of liability insurance.

OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

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Appendix B contains similar proposed wording for correspondence from the Mayor's Office to various government bodies and insurance organizations requesting the exploration of options for relief for snow clearing contractors with the acquisition of liability insurance.

In regard to Item (ii) – Staff recognizes that occasionally contractors will choose to default or walk away from a contract for a variety of reasons. Procurement Section staff has indicated that within the past four years, 12 contractors providing snow clearing and landscaping work have chosen to default on their contract with the City because of their inability to secure the insurance coverage required under the contract or because they felt that the cost of securing such insurance was prohibitive to do so. This decision to default by the contractors has affected five City contracts (four snow clearing contracts and one mowing contract) and resulted in staff finding alternative methods to get the services completed (using less contractors for the same quantity of work, single sourcing to another vendor or, where time has permitted, reissuing a new competitive process).

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix A – draft wording for correspondence regarding taxi industry insurance difficulties.

Appendix B – draft wording for correspondence regarding snow clearing contractor insurance difficulties.

Appendix A - draft wording for correspondence regarding taxi industry insurance difficulties**Separate Addressees:**

The Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation of Ontario
The Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario
The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance of Ontario
Ian McSweeney, Chair, The Financial Services Commission of Ontario
Joseph Carnevale, President, Insurance Broker Association of Ontario
Adam Veldpaus, President, Insurance Brokers Association Hamilton

Content:

Hamilton City Council has recently received a report from the City's Risk Manager outlining the ongoing difficulties our local taxi industry is experiencing with the acquisition of automobile liability insurance at reasonable premium rates and terms. The result of these insurance difficulties is a considerable decline in the availability of taxi service to Hamilton residents as service providers exit a market which is no longer profitable, primarily due to the rising cost of insurance.

The taxi industry has long provided an integral transportation service at an affordable cost to the citizens of Hamilton, particularly those who are unable to use public transit. A worrisome mobility void now exists across the City, one which regrettably disadvantages those with already existing mobility challenges the most.

On behalf of the citizens of Hamilton I respectfully urge (entity name) to examine the circumstances of this issue closely and to do anything within your power and mandate to illicit positive change.

We look forward to hearing from you and offer the assistance of the City of Hamilton in this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor

Appendix "B" to Report LS21020(a)

Appendix B - draft wording for correspondence regarding snow clearing contractor insurance difficulties

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Hamilton City Council has recently received a report from the City's Risk Manager outlining the ongoing difficulties our local snow clearing contractors are experiencing with the acquisition of liability insurance at reasonable premium rates and terms. The result of these insurance difficulties is a considerable decline in the availability of snow clearing services to the City of Hamilton as a corporation, to local businesses and public entities, and to residential property owners as service providers exit a market which is no longer profitable, primarily due to the rising cost of insurance.

Local snow clearing contractors have long played an important role in the provision of winter maintenance services at affordable pricing to the City of Hamilton and its residents. With weather extremes becoming increasingly severe, municipalities across the provinces have never been more in need of assistance from private snow clearing contractors. The decline in the availability of private snow clearing services creates a significant challenge for municipalities in the provision of safe mobility routes with all due diligence while at the same time exercising fiscal prudence as operational budgets are stretched ever thinner.

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CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF M O T I O N

Audit, Finance and Administration Committee: October 21, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. CLARK.....

Timely Access to View Confidential Documents

WHEREAS, Council access to confidential documents takes inordinately long; and,

WHEREAS, there is no policy informing or directing staff to enable Councillors to view confidential documents;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to create a Procedure to enable Council timely access to confidential documents such as Memorandums of Understanding, Contracts and Agreements.