



CITY OF HAMILTON
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
Licensing and By-law Services Division

TO:	Chair and Members Planning Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	February 20, 2018
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Business Licensing By-law 07-170 – Replacement of Taxicab Tariff / Fares (Appendix 1 of Schedule 25) (PED18045) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Business Licensing By-law 07-170 be amended by replacing Taxicab Tariff / Fares Meter and By Agreement Rates (Appendix 1 of Schedule 25), in accordance with the amending By-law, attached as Appendix “A” to Report PED18045, which has been prepared in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, be enacted by Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Taxicab stakeholders have for some time complained about the current Taxicab Tariff / Fares as set out in Appendix 1 of Schedule 25 of the Business Licensing By-law No. 07-170 (Licensing By-law). As a consequence of the penny being discontinued, these stakeholders feel that the current \$0.13 charge on distance and waiting time while under engagement is confusing to the general public as the meter calculates the cost of the trip by this denomination resulting in an odd fare at the end of each trip. It would be more efficient if the meter advanced by \$0.10 instead of \$0.13 as this would remove the requirement of having to round up or down the cost of the trip.

By reducing the Tariff / Fare amount as proposed, together with a corresponding reduction in the distance and time, we maintain the status quo of the cost of a taxicab trip while addressing concerns brought forward by the taxicab stakeholders.

Upon examination of Appendix 1 of Schedule 25 of the Licensing By-law, it was determined that implementing the proposed recommendations would simultaneously

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update the Tariff / Fare amount to today's standards and address a concern raised by the taxicab industry, while having no negative impact on taxicab customers.

Alternatives for Consideration – Not Applicable

FINANCIAL – STAFFING – LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial / Staffing / Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Municipal Act, 2001 provides Council with the authority to regulate any business, wholly or in part, carried out within its jurisdiction, including the authority to license and restrict the amount taxicabs can charge customers. The current Licensing By-law is a compilation of amendments passed by Council over many years and currently contains requirements that no longer serve its original purpose.

Upon examination of Appendix 1 of Schedule 25 of the Licensing By-law 07-170, it was determined that implementing the proposed recommendations would simultaneously update the Tariff/Fare amount to today's standards, address a concern raised by our friends in the taxicab industry while having no negative impact on taxicab customers.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LEGISLATED REQUIREMENTS

N/A

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

In addition to the City's Legal Services, the Industry Stakeholders (Taxicab Brokers, Owners and Drivers) were consulted in the preparation of this Report.

ANALYSIS AND RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Taxicab Tariff / Fares are currently regulated by Appendix 1 of Schedule 25 of the Business Licensing By-law No. 07-170. Taxicab Brokers, Owners and Drivers have voiced their concern with regard to the current \$0.13 charged for each additional 72.1 meters or part thereof as well as the \$0.13 charged for waiting time while under engagement for each fourteen (14) seconds, which results in a taxicab ride of \$5.72 for 1,009 meters travelled.

In consultation with the Taxicab stakeholders, it is recommended that the taxicab meter fares / tariffs be amended as follows:

- \$0.13 charged for each additional 72.1 meters or part thereof be amended to reflect \$0.10 charged for each additional 55.6 meters or part thereof; and,
- \$0.13 for waiting time while under engagement for each 14 seconds be amended to reflect \$0.10 for waiting time while under engagement for each 11 seconds.

These changes would equate to a taxicab ride of \$5.70 for 1,000.8 meters travelled which is a negligible difference and would have no impact on taxicab customers.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

N/A

ALIGNMENT TO THE 2016 – 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

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Healthy and Safe Communities

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APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Appendix “A”: Draft By-law and Appendix 1 of Schedule 25 (Taxicab Tariff / Fares)

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