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Sent: September 8, 2020 7:03 AM

To: Kelsey, Lisa <Lisa.Kelsey@hamilton.ca>

Subject: Re: Humble suggestion for increase of local revenue (Millions dollars) as well as justice for taxi drivers.

Hi,

Thank you for inviting me. I want the following facts to increase.

1. By doubling the renewal fee of the taxi owner/lessee plate, we can get \$296875/ per year, for our city revenue (as the Toronto city hall renewal fee is \$1003/ per year per plate). Also, there is cheaper taxi insurance than in our Hamilton. Today, the taxi plate prices (in the market is \$5000/-) in Toronto. In Hamilton due to these middlemen, we are paying double the price of auto insurance.
2. By increasing the fee of multiple ownership/lessee taxi plates, and charging \$3000/ per year, per plate, from each multiple plates owner/lessee, we can also increase our city hall revenue.
3. At a non-refundable taxi license ownership fee of \$10000/ per plate, our city hall, will make 10,00,000/, as we know there are more than 100 taxi drivers who want to buy new taxi license plates from our city hall.
4. Some people think about DARTS, or wheelchair cab, are short in the taxi profession. But, nowadays, there are a lot of franchise companies working under our city hall for wheelchair/DARTS. So, there is no concern for this issue.
5. Our city Hall may issue the Ambassador Taxi plate, of old taxi drivers.
6. The middlemen in this profession suck our taxi drivers' blood. Please issue the plates, to any taxi driver, by city hall, on legal grounds.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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From: David David

Sent: August 19, 2020 12:22 PM

To: clerk@hamilton.ca

Subject: Humble suggestion for increase of local revenue (Millions dollars) as well as justice for taxi drivers.

Respected City Clerk of Hamilton.

Here are some suggestions for the financial benefits for all of us, in Hamilton.

I am working as a taxi driver (professional) for the last 15 years, in Hamilton. In these long years, I felt that the middlemen (who are doing this profession as an investment business) suck our blood. We work (as professional taxi drivers) for feeding our kids and families as loyal citizens. Since, my 15 years of taxi driving, I could not get my own taxi license plate legally (if I want to get a taxi license plate then I have to pay nearly \$60,000/ to these middlemen). I have no option to buy a taxi license plate from our city hall taxi licensing office. I want some humble suggestions for increasing the revenue of our city hall as well as justice for our taxi drivers.

1. We may issue ambassador taxi license plates for taxi drivers professionals (as in Toronto), who completed 10 years as a full-time taxi driver and has not his own taxi license plate.
2. Taxi License plates have very high demand in Hamilton, due to less supply. There is no balance in the supply and demand of these taxi license plates. Middlemen get the benefit of this high demand. We want our city hall may get the benefit of this high demand for taxi license plates. As land property, city hall makes zoning (commercial plots/domestic plots), we may make two types of zones in taxi licensing. (Zone A). For those owners/lessees who have multiple plates. They are using these plates as an investment business. Most of these middlemen (about 70%) rent their taxi license plates (a couple of years before the rental

price was \$1200/ per month, but nowadays less price due to coronavirus shutdown). We may increase the renewal fee five (5) times more than the present fee, on each multiple taxi plate (owner or lessee) (There is a very easy way to find how many multiple taxi plates each individual keeps. Our city hall computer can solve this issue easily to find multiple taxi plate owners/lessees). (Zone B). Those taxi driving professionals are driving taxi himself. They do not rent the taxi license plates 24/7/ for the year. These taxi drivers are as professionals and working in shift & paying the rent to others.

3. When our city hall approved the ride-sharing companies, logically it means that we have opened more opportunities for this profession for everyone. We are happy with your approval of this ride-sharing profession, in our city.

But, now, we may open the taxi license plates for every taxi license holder (professional). We may promote the taxi profession (not the investment business for middlemen, who suck the blood of taxi drivers/professional). So, we may finish the limitation of taxi license plates and issue taxi plates to those taxi professional (individuals), who has no taxi license plate. It will increase millions of dollars to our city hall revenue.

Every taxi driver wants to buy his own taxi license plate from the city hall, at the double license fee. At present, our city charges nearly \$5000/- (for each taxi license plate), but every taxi driver wants the pay \$10,000/ as a taxi license plate fee to our city hall.

On the other hand, every taxi driver wants to pay double (of the present) price as the new annual renewal fee. At present annual renewal fee is \$660/ per year but every taxi driver wants to pay \$1300/ per year as a new annual renewal fee of a taxi license plate. There are some hidden reasons that some people and these middlemen, do not want to increase the revenue of our city hall, in this way.

These middlemen also crying to city hall to reduce the renewal fee but taking full 100% rent from us (\$850/ per week from both shift drivers, included taxi insurance, etc.), for a cab, in these coronavirus days.

Our city hall licensing staff may issue the taxi license plates open, who wants to pay the double price/fee. In this way, taxi drivers will be happy to pay the double price to our city hall to buy a new taxi license plate. Our middlemen do not want to do this due to their own personal interests.

Please open the taxi license plates for everybody (who wants, I mean open to the public). We need to increase 5 times more than the present renewal fee, from the multiple taxi license plate owners/lessees, as the annual taxi license fee, as they are doing this as an investment business.

Thank you for your sympathetic consideration of my above requests, which will increase millions of dollars in our city revenue as well as justice for taxi drivers.

Sincerely,
A loyal citizen of Hamilton.
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