

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