

Pilon, Janet

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Hi,

It is a very painful and sorrowful point that our existing taxi tariff (not the first drop-off fee) @ \$1.82 per km, has not increased since 2008 till now.

The hourly minimum wage in Ontario has been increased by more than 50% during the above period (2008 to 2024).

However, in Appendix 5 of Schedule 25 of our By-laws, under factor # 6 (Earnings-all drivers), it is mentioned that full-time taxi drivers' pay should be according to minimum wages per hour in Ontario.

All the basic and complete guidelines are provided in the above appendix #5, in schedule 25 of our by-laws, for the taxi tariff.

Every year the prices of these factors as mentioned in the above appendix #5. change so, we may consider reviewing the Taxi Tariff every year. If there is no change in prices or cost (as mentioned in factors # 1 to 5), then the Taxi Tariff may remain the same. But, an increase in the minimum wage per hour, in Ontario, may be considered as factor # 6 of Appendix 5 of Schedule 25 of our by-laws.

So, It is requested please make an "Annual Taxi Tariff Review Committee" which may consist of all representatives of related departments (licensing, by-laws, accounts, the legal department, etc.) City hall.

At least, once a year the above committee should hold a meeting. This committee may get written comments from the taxi drivers.

Thank you very much.

Kamal Sardar