

Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw - Additional Suggested Changes**Report Purpose**

To give three readings to a bylaw that proposes to repeal and replace Bylaw 20-2013, the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw; and to give three readings to a bylaw that proposes to amend Bylaw 45-2016, the Fees, Rates and Charges Bylaw.

Motion on the Floor

Motion 2017/9

Moved by Councillor Botterill:

THAT proposed Bylaw 30-2016 be amended by replacing the definition of limousine in subsection 5(7) with the following definition: "limousine" means a luxury motor vehicle with a manufacturer's seating capacity originally designed for 9 or more passengers, including the driver, used to provide pre-arranged transportation of passengers for compensation.

Recommendation

1. THAT Motion 2017/9 be withdrawn.
2. THAT Bylaw 30-2016, the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be given first reading;
3. THAT Bylaw 30-2016 be given second reading;
4. THAT Bylaw 30-2016 be considered for third reading; and
5. THAT Bylaw 30-2016 be given third reading.
6. THAT Bylaw 5-2017, a Bylaw to amend Bylaw 45-2016, be given first reading;
7. THAT Bylaw 5-2017 be given second reading;
8. THAT Bylaw 5-2017 be considered for third reading; and
9. THAT Bylaw 5-2017 be given third reading.

Council History

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| October 7, 2014 | - Council gave third reading to Bylaw 20-2013. |
| July 1, 2015 | - Bylaw 20-2013 came into effect. |
| July 19, 2016 | - Council postponed the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw Update to the September 13, 2016 Council Meeting. |
| September 13, 2016 | - Council directed that Administration conduct a review of Bylaw 20-2013, the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw, and prepare recommended amendments for Council's consideration, by the end of the fourth quarter of 2016. |
| November 29, 2016 | - Council directed that Administration return to the January 17, 2017 Council meeting with a proposed bylaw to amend or replace the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw that only requires Vehicle Permits for Taxis. |
| January 17, 2017 | - Council directed that Administration return by the end of quarter two of 2017 with a revised bylaw that would also regulate limousines and their drivers. |

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: Ongoing review of bylaws is a best practice for municipalities.

Social: Vehicles for hire, including taxis, provide a necessary means of transportation for residents of Strathcona County. The safety of passengers and drivers is of significant importance.

Culture: n/a

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26, authorizes Council to pass and amend bylaws respecting various matters. The Province has passed Alberta Regulation 100/2016 to regulate Transportation Network Companies.

Interdepartmental: Legislative and Legal Services has conducted the review of Bylaw 20-2013, and Enforcement Services, Communications, Transit, and Corporate Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs have each been involved in assisting Legislative and Legal Services with parts of the review of Bylaw 20-2013.

Summary

On January 17, 2017, Council considered a draft bylaw to repeal and replace Bylaw 20-2013, the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw. Council directed Administration to return by the end of quarter two of 2017 with a revised bylaw that would also regulate limousines.

The Proposed Bylaw before Council on January 17, 2017 has been revised so that permits are also required for limousines and their drivers unless they have a valid permit from another municipality that meets or exceeds the requirements of Bylaw 30-2016. The requirements in Bylaw 30-2016 for obtaining a limousine permit are the same as for a taxi permit. The vehicle permit categories have been revised so that there are three categories: (1) accessible taxi permit, (2) limousine permit, and (3) taxi permit. The driver's permit categories have been revised so that there are two categories: (1) accessible taxi driver's permit, and (2) limousine and taxi driver's permit.

At the January 17, 2017 meeting, Administration recommended that the definition of limousine be revised. Given the direction from Council on January 17, 2017 to include the requirement that limousines and their drivers obtain permits, Administration no longer recommends a revision to the definition of limousine. Since Bylaw 30-2016 has been revised to include a permit requirement for a limousine and its driver (unless they have a valid permit from another municipality that meets or exceeds the requirements of Bylaw 30-2016), it is important that Bylaw 30-2016 and the definition of limousine remain regionally consistent. Accordingly, Administration recommends that Motion 2017/9, being a motion to amend the definition of limousine, be withdrawn.

Alternative Options

If Council does not give three readings to Bylaw 30-2016, it should not give any readings to Bylaw 5-2017. If Council wishes to see further revisions to Bylaw 30-2016, Administration is prepared to return to Council by the end of quarter two of 2017 with a revised bylaw reflecting Council's direction.

Communication Plan

Communication to holders of permits issued pursuant to Bylaw 20-2013 and stakeholders.

Enclosure

- 1 Bylaw 30-2016
- 2 Track Changes version of Bylaw 30-2016 (showing changes to draft presented on January 17, 2017)
- 3 Bylaw 5-2017
- 4 PowerPoint Presentation