
SUMMARY OF NEIGHBOURING AND SIMILAR MUNICIPALITIES

This enclosure summarizes research done on neighbouring and similar municipalities in Alberta regarding taxi cab bylaws and vehicle for hire bylaws. The aim of this research is to provide an overview of how comparable municipalities address taxi cab safety and vehicle for hire bylaws within their own jurisdictions. Additionally, for those municipalities who have a taxi safety and/or vehicle for hire bylaw in place, research was conducted on their approaches to encouraging and incentivizing accessible taxi cabs within their jurisdictions. In total, 16 municipalities were consulted on their bylaws (or lack thereof) on taxi safety – the results of this research can be found below in Table 1.

Table 1: Overview of Municipal Taxi Safety Bylaws

Municipality	Population*	Do they have a taxi bylaw?
City of Edmonton	877,926	Yes
City of Calgary	1,230,915	Yes
City of Red Deer	100,807	Yes
City of Leduc	29,304	Yes
City of St. Albert	63,255	No**
City of Spruce Grove	32,036	No
City of Fort Saskatchewan	24,040	No
Town of Beaumont	16,768	No
Town of Stony Plain	16,127	No
Town of Devon	6,650	No
Parkland County	30,568	No
Sturgeon County	19,578	No
Leduc County	13,524	No
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	125,032	Yes
Municipality of Jasper	4,584	No
Town of Banff	9,386	Yes

*from the [2015 Municipal Affairs Population List](#)

**bylaw currently in development

Of the 16 municipalities consulted, only six had taxi safety and/or vehicle for hire bylaws in place. In the remaining ten municipalities, several had business bylaws in place that mandated that taxis were required to have a business license, but nothing else (ex: Town of Stony Plain, Town of Devon). The City of St. Albert, who does not currently have a taxi safety bylaw in place, is currently in the process of developing a taxi bylaw for their municipality.

A second area of interest in terms of research was the question of incentivizing accessible taxi cabs within a municipality. Some of these municipalities separate their taxi licenses into plate programs. A plate is the term used colloquially to describe the license issued to a taxi cab driver to allow them to operate. Several municipalities in Alberta employ a quota based plate system to regulate how many licensed taxis can be on the road on an annual basis. Some of them have both regular and accessible taxi cab plate systems in place in order to limit the number of taxis operating within their jurisdictions.

Table 2: Overview of Accessible Taxi Incentive Programs

Municipality	Plate Program	Incentives for Accessible Cabs
City of Edmonton	Yes: 1) plate program for regular vehicles (up to 1,235 plates available) 2) plate program for accessible vehicles (up to 95 accessible plates available)	Currently the City of Edmonton has a partial granting program in place where a small grant may be awarded to an accessible taxi permit-holder to purchase/upgrade a vehicle to accessible taxi standards.
City of Calgary	Yes: 1) plate program for regular vehicles (up to 1,699 plates available) 2) plate program for accessible vehicles (up to 210 accessible plates available)	No incentive programs in place.
City of Red Deer	Yes: 1) one taxi plate per 750 persons of the city population 2) one accessible plate per 15,000 persons of the city population	No incentive programs in place.
City of Leduc	No plate program or limit on taxi licenses in place.	No incentive programs in place.
Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo	No plate program or limit on taxi licenses in place.	No incentive programs in place.
Town of Banff	Yes: A total of 35 taxi licenses may be issued. There is no separate category for accessible taxis.	No incentive programs in place.

Most municipalities spoke to the difficulty in incentivizing accessible taxis in their jurisdictions, as you cannot purchase or upgrade accessible taxis in Alberta (you must go out of province for this). In the Town of Banff, for example, a single company owns all 35 taxi plates and has a single accessible cab in order to better serve his clientele. In the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, the municipality itself does not incentivize accessible taxis, but at least one taxi company in the municipality does have accessible taxis as part of their contract with the regional airport.