

Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw

Suggested Changes and Considerations
November 29, 2016

Council History

- 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.
- Today:
 - Administration seeks Council's direction on proposed changes to Bylaw 20-2013, the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw.
- Proposed next step:
 - Administration return to January 17, 2017 Council meeting with a proposed bylaw to amend or replace the Taxi Cab Safety Bylaw; based on Council feedback.

Overview of Suggested Changes

- Suggested changes address confusion over applicability and enforcement difficulties, and change format and structure to plain language.
- Additional duty to inform requirements
 - eg: insurance and/or driver's license expiry/cancelled/suspended; change to criminal record or vulnerable sector check.
- Driver's permit to expire one year following date of issue.
- Vehicle permit and/or driver's permit automatically cancelled if provincial registration certificate/insurance policy is suspended/cancelled/expired.
- Valid vehicle mechanical inspection within the year must be produced at the request of a peace officer; application requires a valid mechanical inspection certificate dated within 90 days of application date.
- Increase fine for operating without a driver's permit from \$500 to \$1,000.

Fee Comparison

Fee Type	Current Bylaw	Proposed Bylaw
Taxi Cab Permit / Vehicle Permit	\$450 (annual)	\$450 (annual)
Taxi Driver Permit / Driver's Permit	\$100 (every 2 years)	\$50 (annual)
Permit Replacement	\$50	\$50
Notice of Appeal Filing Fee	n/a	\$150

Safety Related to Vehicles

- **Issue:**

- Current bylaw regulates only those vehicles that meet the definition of a 'Taxi', meaning not all vehicles participating in the vehicle for hire industry are subject to the current bylaw.

- **Options:**

- Only require Vehicle Permits for Taxis (status quo).
- Require Vehicle Permits for Taxis and Transportation Network Automobiles.
- Require Vehicle Permits for Taxis, Transportation Network Automobiles, Limousines, and Shuttles.

Safety Related to Drivers

- **Issue:**

- Current bylaw regulates only those drivers that operate a Taxi, meaning not all drivers participating in the vehicle for hire industry are subject to the current bylaw.
- Drivers of Transportation Network Automobiles are now regulated by the province's Transportation Network Companies Regulation (Alta Reg 100/2016)

- **Option:**

- In addition to the driver of each vehicle for hire requiring a Vehicle Permit to operate, the driver would also be required to obtain a Driver's Permit. (Drivers of Transportation Network Automobiles would be exempted, as they are regulated under the provincial regulation).

Accessible Transportation

- **Current Situation**

- Strathcona County Mobility Bus and Private Transportation Services are providing accessible transportation services in the County.

- **Options**

- Require accessible vehicles and their drivers to obtain Vehicle Permits and Driver's Permits, and make the fee for such permits \$0.
- Do not require accessible vehicles and their drivers to obtain Vehicle Permits or Driver's Permits.

Note:

- The Proposed Bylaw provides that if transportation services are merely ancillary to other goods or services offered then permits are not required.

Questions?

