

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2013

Item 20, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 8, 2013.

20 ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REQUEST WITH RESPECT TO TAXICAB LICENSES FOR PURPOSE-BUILT ACCESSIBLE TAXICABS

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the City Clerk report back before January 31, 2014, on the feasibility of a 7 year pilot project to make available five new taxi licenses for purpose-built, universally designed vehicles with warranty and local service to assist in compliance with AODA requirements and objectives;**
- 2) That the following report of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, dated September 24, 2013, be received; and**
- 3) That the following deputations be received:**
 - 1. Mr. Peter Grande, MV1 Canada, Connie Crescent, Concord; and**
 - 2. Mr. Peter Athanasopolous, Spinal Cord Injury Ontario, Sutherland Drive, Toronto.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, forwards the following recommendation from its meeting of September 10, 2013:

- 1) That the City of Vaughan immediately begin to ensure all new taxicab licenses are issued for purpose-built, universally designed vehicles with warranty and local service, either upon the issuance of new taxicab plates or upon renewal, until 100% accessibility is achieved; and that staff in the City Clerk's Office explore the implications and report back to a future meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee before the end of January 2014.**

Contribution to Sustainability

The Accessibility Advisory Committee provides advice to Council to support the City's work in identifying and removing barriers to lay the foundation for a barrier-free, inclusive community.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

Council's decision in this matter will be communicated to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward for Council's consideration the request made by the Accessibility Advisory Committee at its meeting of September 10, 2013, that the City of Vaughan immediately begin to ensure all new taxicab licenses are issued for purpose-built, universally designed vehicles with warranty and local services, either upon the issuance of new taxicab plates or upon renewal, until 100% accessibility is achieved; and that staff in the City Clerk's Office explore the implications and report back to a future meeting of the Accessibility Advisory Committee before the end of January 2014.

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Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of September 10, 2013, the Accessibility Advisory Committee considered an item with respect to the feasibility of issuing taxicab licenses for purpose-built, universally designed vehicles with warranty and local service, either upon the issuance of new taxicab plates or upon renewal, until 100% accessibility is achieved.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the strategic priorities set out in Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular:

SERVICE EXCELLENCE: Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The Accessibility Advisory Committee's recommendation with respect to renewing and issuing of new taxicab licenses for purpose-built, universally designed vehicles for the transportation of persons with disabilities in the City of Vaughan, is being forwarded for Council's consideration.

Attachments

N/A

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