

The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* (the “Bylaw”), for City Council’s consideration. The Bylaw is a comprehensive bylaw to regulate all vehicles for hire, including transportation network companies and taxis. The Bylaw will replace Bylaw No. 9548, *The Transportation Network Company Bylaw, 2018* and Bylaw No. 9070, *The Taxi Bylaw, 2014*.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019*.

BACKGROUND

At its Regular Business Meeting on July 23, 2018, City Council resolved, in part:

“That the City Solicitor be requested to draft a comprehensive Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, in accordance with the Administration’s recommendations, as outlined in Attachment 1 of the report of the Community Services Department dated June 11, 2018, and as amended as follows:

- a. by the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation dated June 27, 2018:
 - i. that the minimum fare for TNCs be set the same as the current minimum taxi fare.
 - ii. that the Administration set out a provision for safety features with TNCs.
 - iii. that the standard of Criminal Record Check include “Vulnerable Sector”, if not included in the provincial regulations.
- b. by City Council dated July 23, 2018:

that the City of Saskatoon require city or company specific ride sharing decals.”

At its Regular Business Meeting on December 17, 2018, City Council resolved:

“That Administration report back on an option to include annual medical check-ups as part of the comprehensive Vehicle For Hire bylaw.”

At its Regular Business Meeting on August 26, 2019, City Council resolved:

“That the City Solicitor be requested to include the additional items, outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services

Department dated August 6, 2019, in the proposed Vehicles for Hire Bylaw”;

and, in part,

- “1. That the City Solicitor be requested to include an annual fee for a wheelchair accessible taxi of \$25 (a reduction from the current fee of \$525) in the draft of the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to include a provision in the draft of the Vehicles for Hire Bylaw to require taxi brokers whose taxi fleet has fewer than 5% wheelchair accessible taxis to remit \$0.07 on every non-wheelchair accessible taxi trip.”

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Appendix 1 – The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019: Medical Reporting addresses City Council’s direction that Administration report back on an option to include annual medical check-ups as part of the comprehensive Vehicles for Hire Bylaw. As noted in Appendix 1, the Bylaw has been drafted to ensure that any change applied by SGI’s Medical Review Unit to a vehicle-for-hire driver’s licensing, including restrictions or endorsements on the licence, a change in class of licence, or the refusal, suspension, or cancellation of the licence for a specific period or indefinitely, will be reported to the City. The City may then determine whether the driver is still entitled to drive under the Bylaw’s regime.

In accordance with City Council’s instruction, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019* for City Council’s consideration.

APPENDICES

1. The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019: Medical Reporting; and
2. Proposed Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019*.

Report Approval

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