

The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)

ISSUE

This report submits Bylaw No. 9908, *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)* (“Bylaw”) for City Council’s consideration. The Bylaw makes various changes to the City’s licencing practices and procedures, increases vehicle-for-hire and taximeter fares and clarifies how taximeter fares are charged when taxis are engaged but not in motion.

RECOMMENDATION

That City Council consider: *Bylaw No. 9908, The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*.

BACKGROUND

At its [June 28, 2023 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 6, 2023, and resolved:

That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare bylaw amendments to Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019*, to:

1. Increase the minimum taxi fare of \$3.75 to \$4.75;
2. Increase the minimum vehicle-for-hire fare of \$3.75 to \$4.75; and
3. Clarify how wait time is calculated in Schedule “B”.

At its [June 28, 2023 Regular Business Meeting](#), City Council considered a second report of the General Manager, Community Services dated June 6, 2023, and resolved:

1. That the proposed amendments to Bylaw No. 9651, *The Vehicles for Hire Bylaw, 2019*, as outlined in the June 6, 2023 report of the Community Services Division, be approved; and
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the approved amendments to Bylaw No. 9651.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

In accordance with City Council’s instructions, we are pleased to submit Bylaw No. 9908, *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*, for City Council’s consideration.

The Bylaw is set to come into force on July 27 to give a brief opportunity for taxis and vehicles-for-hire to adjust their charging practices. Taxis and vehicles-for-hire will be required to begin charging the new rates at the beginning of the day on July 27.

APPENDIX

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 9908, *The Vehicles for Hire Amendment Bylaw, 2023 (No. 3)*.

Report Approval

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