



District 3

Stephen Hunt
District Director

May 24, 2018

Chairman Transportation Committee
222 – 3rd Avenue North
Saskatoon, SK S7K 0J5

Subject: Issuing of Sask Plate

Dear Sir:

As Taxi Drivers we are very concerned about the next step the City of Saskatoon will take to change and amend the taxi industry. Attached is a petition of over 200 Taxi workers who want the taxi and car for hire licensing process to be more transparent. The United Steelworkers have been proposing of made in Saskatchewan solution – Sask Plates. Sask Plates are a new type of taxi license that would be issued by the City of Saskatoon with the intention of replacing all current seasonal taxi licenses in the city. These plates will be issued directly to the drivers and transfers will not be possible, meaning that no sale, leasing or renting of taxi licenses is possible. Sask Plates have no value to be bought and sold; this is an important issue to consider when the introduction of ‘car-for-hire’ licenses are issued by the City. Taxi licensees will no longer be leased or rented to driver causing inflated costs which impact meter rate increase decisions.

The City will retain control over the number plates released and be able to address the needs of the public. The City will have the ability to collect data and issue additional plates if needed. This would eliminate the current situation where very few people control the taxi industry, leaving it up to the City to make changes in the best interest of safety. Currently all seasonal licenses are issued to drivers and it has been proved that they can run the business.

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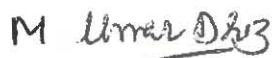
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We would like to be included in this process as the City makes decisions that will impact Taxi Drivers. As TNC, ride sharing is around the corner Sask Plate is one way to level the playing field for drivers.

Please contact me if you have any questions and let me know when you are available for consultation with the Taxi Drivers of Saskatoon.

Sincerely,



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CC: Honorable May Charlie Clark and all Respected Members of City Council
Mike Pulak: Staff Representative, Saskatoon
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Making the Taxi Industry fair for workers

There has been a public outcry over the lack of taxi services and because the industry is controlled by a few key players they are using their lobbying and business power to remain in control. We want the taxi licensing process to be more transparent and give the opportunity for drivers to enter the market without crushing debt or monthly fees. Sask plates are a new type of taxi license that will be issued by the City of Saskatoon with the intention of replacing all current Seasonal taxi licenses in the city. These plates should be issued directly to eligible drivers and transfers will not be possible, meaning that no sale of these taxi licenses is possible.

A made in Saskatoon solution.

The city of Saskatoon should implement Sask plates, instead of the industry lobbied position of Flex Fleets which pose many issues for drivers. For more information about Sask plates please contact **Malik Umar Draz** President of **USW Local 2014: 306-370-3838**.

We, the undersigned, are Taxi workers who urge our City Council to act now to implement Sask Plates.

We donot want Flex Fleets.

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