

Summary of Taxi Industry Consultation – Jan/Feb 2019

In January and February 2019, the Administration held separate consultation meetings with taxi brokers, representatives from the United Steel Workers, and taxi drivers and taxi licence owners, requesting input on aspects of the replacement program for Seasonal Taxi Licence. The below table shows the results of the consultation, and the policy recommendations from the Administration.

Question	Taxi Brokers (Comfort Cabs, Riide, United Cabs)	Representatives of the United Steel Workers	Taxi Drivers and Licence Owners (51 respondents)	Administration Recommendation
In considering a program to replace the Seasonal Taxi Licences...				
How many licences should be made available?	No upper limit on number issued	40-48 licences	64%: 42 or more 36%: 36 or fewer	35 licences
What should the maximum hours of operation be per day?	No Response	More than 12 hours	61%: more than 14 27%: 12-13 12%: 10	No maximum, to be consistent with other taxis and TNCs
How much experience (# of years) in driving a taxi should be required to be eligible to participate in the lottery?	No lottery; prefer merit-based approach to select licence awardees, including driving experience factored into consideration	1-2 Years' Experience	67%: 3 years or fewer 33%: 5 years or more	4 Years of Experience
Can one driver successfully /profitably operate a taxi without the option to lease to a second driver?	No	Yes	72%: Yes 18%: Unsure 10%: No	Operated by one driver only. Provision for longer term will allow costs to be covered
How long should the length of the license term be?	No Response	4 Years	55%: 4 years or more 45%: 3 Years or fewer	4 Year Term - based on rationale that this allows more certainty that operating costs can be covered