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Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

Dear Secretary:

Re: Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee – Incentives of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis [File No. CK. 307-4]

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee, at its meeting held on July 23, 2019, considered a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 23, 2019, on the incentives for wheelchair accessible taxis and supports the following recommendation of the Community Services Department.

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council that:

1. 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. 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; and
3. Option 2 to provide incentives to wheelchair accessible vehicle owners, as outlined in this report, be adopted.

The Advisory Committee agreed that option 2 was a better choice as it assists the owners in the conversion and maintenance of the wheelchair accessible taxis. The Committee also suggests that the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation request for a follow up statistical reporting on the success of the incentive.

The Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee thanks the Standing Policy Committee on the Transportation and Administration for the opportunity to provide feedback on this matter.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "JD McNabb".

JD McNabb, Chair
Saskatoon Accessibility Advisory Committee

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cc: General Manager, Community Services Department
Director, Community Standards, Community Services Department