

City of London City Council

Please take this as a request for delegate status to attend and speak at a CPSC meeting as soon as possible.

We disability advocates would like to appear in order to speak to the applicability of By-law L.-130-71 (colloquially known as the "Uber By-law") to unpaid disabled volunteers who give rides in exchange for reimbursement of reasonable expenses.

It is our view that the By-law should not apply to these poor Londoners. We urge that it is fair that they be reimbursed for their expenses rather than being required to use their very limited basic needs and shelter allowances to pay for the privilege of volunteering.

It is also our view that the City needs to immediately clarify how such disabled volunteers may avoid the risk of being ticketed under the By-law, that is, what steps such volunteers should take to be able to satisfy the City, if requested, that they are operating on a non-profit, "reimbursement of expenses only" basis. This clarification is needed as a result of uncertainty which has arisen following recent media coverage of a disabled woman who was ticketed for providing rides. Many disabled Londoners are left uncertain about whether, if someone were to complain about them, they could face a ticket of more than \$2,000 – which they could never repay from their modest disability benefits.

I anticipate, at this point, that the presenters will be myself and our Board Chair, Ms. Bonnie Quesnel.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours truly,

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