

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOODS COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 16, 2011
FROM:	G. KOTSIFAS, P. ENG. DIRECTOR OF BUILDING CONTROLS AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	TAXI/LIMOUSINE BY-LAW REVIEW – EXTENSION OF LIMOUSINE VEHICLE AGE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Building Controls, the attached report requesting amendment to the current Taxicab & Limousine Licensing By-law L-126-256 in order to extend the age of limousines from 6 years of age to 7 **BE RECEIVED** for information purposes, and that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee provide direction as identified in the report.

PREVIOUS REPORTS

- April 26, 2010 – Taxi/Limousine By-law Review – ETC
- June 7, 2010 – Summary of May 2010 Workshop – ETC
- December 14, 2010 – Policy Options – CNC
- June 19, 2011 – Taxi/Limousine By-law Review Proposed By-law - CNC

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its session held on July 25, 2011 resolved:

“that the Director of Building Controls and Chief Building Official report back at the August meeting of the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee on the by-law requirements of the age of vehicles and the timing of the public participation meeting in November.”

The current by-law includes a limousine age restriction of six years. During the development and review of the proposed by-law, the London Checker Limousine Brokers and Drivers Association made a request to amend the current Taxicab & Limousine Licensing By-law L-126-256 in order to extend the age of limousines from 6 years of age to 7. There are approximately 18 limousines with this age requirement scheduled to be replaced by the October 31, 2011 renewal date in order to meet compliance.

The draft by-law, which is proposed to become effective March 1, 2012, sets the age limit for limousines to 6 years old, the same as the current by-law. The rationale for this proposal is that customers using executive limousines for transportation services expect a high degree of comfort and service. Other than cost savings for the limousine owner, there is no rationale to increase the age restriction of limousines.

Notwithstanding the above, a future public participation meeting is to be held in November 2011, the month after the required renewal date. Should Committee wish to consider options to extend the age of limousines beyond 6 years, until such time as the new by-law comes into effect, (anticipated to be in March 2012) then the following recommendation could be adopted:

“That the Director of Building Controls and Chief Building Official be directed to report back to a Community and Neighbourhoods Committee public participation meeting in


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September 2011 to consider options to amend the current Taxicab & Limousine Licensing By-law L-126-256 to allow the age of limousines to be extended beyond 6 years until such time as the new by-law comes into effect.”

Any proposed options will require a by-law amendment to the current by-law. Staff would introduce a by-law for consideration at a public participation meeting to be held in September 2011. This would provide sufficient time for adoption prior to October 31, 2011.

CONCLUSION

Should the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee wish to consider options to extend the age of limousines beyond 6 years, until such time as the new by-law comes into effect, staff would prepare options, with corresponding draft by-law(s), to amend the current Taxicab & Limousine Licensing By-law L-126-256 for consideration at a September 2011 public participation meeting.

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