

Chair and members of CNC
Corporation of the City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Re: Taxi by-law review

For 6 months the city staff recommended by-laws have been part of city council's and Community and Neighbourhood Committee's meeting agendas. Typically committees and city council review the entire report to see if there are any adjustments that need to be made so a fair and meaningful public policy can be created, free from bias and/or possible omissions made by city staff.

Recent changes and omissions made to the draft by-law which is scheduled for a public participation meeting to be held at the end of November 2011, proves contrary to the norm of a by-law review, questionable and certainly is not transparent. This is a serious concern to Yellow London Taxi Inc., other taxi brokers and about 1500 families who rely on the taxi industry to feed their families.

Despite the fact that the whole draft by-law was scheduled for a public participation meeting in November, and without any prior notification to the parties involved in the taxi industry there was a motion made by one of the councilors and approved by city council to remove an item from the draft by-law concerning "**no hail**" for limousines. Removing that item from the draft by-law was clearly against proper procedures of the by-law review. Taxi by-laws are what all brokers, taxi drivers and owners must deal with first hand, that is why every section and subsection of the by-law is relevant to the taxi industry's daily operations.

Therefore we respectfully request, to have that item (no hail for limousines) put back in to the draft by-law before the public participation meeting is held.

With respect to public transportation in general and in particular regarding the limousine industry, the city of London has lagged behind most of the major cities in Canada. To my knowledge there are no other cities that allow hailing or flagging down a limousine. Most if not all of the major cities in Canada insist upon a reservation or prearranged pick-up when limousine services are required.

Yellow London Taxi Inc. strongly urges the members of CNC and members of the city council to reconsider their decision regarding the "**no hail**" proposal. We believe the resulting by-law review will make all of us who are involved in the taxi industry proud of our politicians for putting together a solid and effective policy for public transportation.

Sincerely,

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