



City of Richmond

Report to Committee

To: General Purposes Committee
From: W. Glenn McLaughlin
 Chief Licence Inspector & Risk Manager
Re: **Business Licence Bylaw
 Amendment Bylaw 9090**

Date: December 6, 2013
File: 12-8275-02/2013-Vol
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Staff Recommendation

That Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 9090, to increase the maximum number of Class A Taxicabs to 97, be introduced and given first, second and third readings.

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REPORT CONCURRENCE		
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Staff Report

Origin

At the July 22, 2013 meeting, Council considered a report dealing with an application from Garden City Cabs (GCC) to the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB) for an additional 9 taxicabs and to amend their service area to include Vancouver International Airport (YVR).

Council directed staff to bring forward any required bylaw amendments, should the PTB approve and increase the number of GCC taxicabs. The City of Richmond determines the maximum number of taxicab vehicles licensed to operate in Richmond through the Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, and regulates them under the Vehicle for Hire Regulation Bylaw No. 6900.

In September of 2013 the PTB ruled on the GCC application that:

“The application is approved in part with the addition of 2 vehicles in the City of Richmond and no amendment to Service 1 (YVR).”

This report seeks to amend the Business Licence Bylaw by increasing the number of Class A conventional taxicabs that seat between 4 - 6 passengers by two additional vehicles.

Findings of Fact

Taxi cabs are also licensed by the PTB and provincially regulated under the Passenger Transportation Act. The City looks to the process carried out by the PTB in the determination of demand for PTB taxi licenses.

The City expressed its concern to the PTB on the potential decline of taxicab service if the GCC application was approved to include service to YVR. This concern was addressed by the PTB in their decision (Attachment 1) to only permit the addition of 2 taxicabs and to not amend GCC's service area to include YVR.


On December 5, 2013, GCC emailed the City of Richmond requesting an amendment to the bylaw to allow for the 2 additional vehicles granted under their PTB licence.

Financial Impact

New licence fees will be collected due to an increase in the number of City taxicabs licensed.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending an amendment to Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360 to increase the number of Class A taxicabs by two vehicles to remain consistent with the PTB decision.


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Licence Application Decision

Amendment to Taxi Licence

Application #	109-13	Applicant	Garden City Cabs of Richmond Ltd.
Trade Name (s)	Garden City Cabs		
Principals	HUNDAL, Surinderjit S. RANDHAWA, Paramjit S.	PUREWAL, Amrik S. WAHLLA, Joginder S.	
Address	148 – 2633 Viking Way, Richmond BC V6V 3B6		
Applicant's representative	Tobin Robbins, Heenan Blaikie LLP		
Current Licence	71373 (copy attached)		
Application Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change originating area for Service 1 by removing “excluding the Vancouver International Airport” • Add 9 vehicles (4 conventional & 5 accessible). New fleet size would be 39 vehicles of which 22 may be conventional; all others must be accessible taxis. 		
Date Published in Weekly Bulletin	June 12, 2013		
Submitters (and representatives)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Rock South Surrey Taxi Ltd.; Richmond Cabs Ltd. (<i>W. McLachlan, McLachlan Brown Anderson</i>) • Yellow Cab Co. Ltd.; Black Top Cabs Ltd.; Vancouver Taxi Ltd.; MacLure's Cabs (1994) Ltd. (<i>H. Harris, Owen Bird</i>) • BC Taxi Association • Guildford Cabs (1993) Ltd. dba Surrey Metro Taxi • Kimber Cabs Ltd. • Surdell Kennedy Taxi Ltd. <p>In addition, comments were received from the City of Richmond.</p>		
Board Decision	The application is approved in part with the addition of 2 vehicles in the City of Richmond and no amendment to Service 1.		
Decision Date	September 23, 2013		
Panel Chair	Brenda Brown		



Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 9090

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, as amended, is further amended by deleting subsection 2.1.27.3(a) and substituting the following:

“(a) for use as Class A taxicabs is 97; and”
2. This Bylaw is cited as **“Business Licence Bylaw No. 7360, Amendment Bylaw No. 9090”**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept.
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APPROVED for legality by Solicitor
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MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER