



**REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
POLICE SERVICES BOARD**

**ADMINISTRATION & LICENSING COMMITTEE
PUBLIC MINUTES**

Thursday, December 7, 2017

Niagara Regional Police Service - Headquarters
Community Room, 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Licensing Committee Meeting of the Niagara Police Services Board commenced at 11:04 am.

ROLL CALL

PSB MEMBERS: Mr. B. Gale, Committee Chair
Mr. K. Gansel, Vice Chair
Mr. T. Bonham
Mr. A. Caslin
Mr. V. Stewart

Ms. D. Reid, Executive Director
Mr. W.B. McKaig, Board Solicitor

NRPS MEMBERS: Detective Sergeant C. Labaune, Issuer of Licenses
Detective Constable A. Sanders, By-law Enforcement & Licensing

OTHERS: Mr. D. Bogdanovic, President of Niagara Falls Taxi
Mr. J. Cheema, Niagara Falls Limousine
Mr. U. Gungor, Niagara Falls Taxi
Mr. P. Mandronis, Niagara Falls Taxi
Ms. K. Platanitis, Niagara Falls Taxi
Mr. D. Zegarac, Niagara Falls Taxi

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT/PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict or pecuniary interest.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. Minutes of the Licensing Public Meeting held Thursday, November 9, 2017.

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2. **Uber – Follow-up from November 9, 2017 Licensing Public Meeting**

The Committee considered a letter dated November 15, 2017 from Chris Schafer, Uber Public Policy Manager – Canada, providing the Board with a supplementary follow-up from the Licensing Public Meeting held on November 9, 2017.

Moved by: K. Gansel
Seconded by: V. Stewart

That the information be received.

Carried.

3. **Uber News Articles – Follow-up to November 9, 2017 Public Licensing**

The Committee considered an email dated November 30, 2017 from Peter Madronis and Kathy Plantanitis, Niagara Falls Taxi, providing the Board with the news articles referenced from Ms. Plantanitis verbal submission at the November 9, 2017 Public Licensing Meeting.

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

4. **Taxi Quotas – Follow-up Submission from Ismail Ertemiz**

The Committee considered an email dated November 16, 2017 from Mr. Ismail Ertemiz, Niagara Falls Taxi Inc., expressing concern about the negative impact on the taxi industry if taxi plate quotas were removed in Niagara Region.

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: A. Caslin

That the information be received.

Carried.

5. **Issuance of New Taxi Plates – St. Catharines**

The Board considered an email dated November 27, 2017 from Mr. Pervez Muhammad, Wait List Applicant, requesting the Board consider issuing new taxi license plates to wait list applicants.

Moved by: A. Caslin
Seconded by: T. Bonham

That the information be received.

Carried.

6. Allotment of New Taxi Plates

The Board considered a letter dated November 29, 2017 requesting the Board issue new taxi plates, since wait list applicants pay yearly renewal fees and no new plates have been issued in 20 years.

Moved by: T. Bonham
Seconded by: K. Gansel

That the information be received.

Carried.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Issuance of Additional Plates - Niagara Falls Taxi representatives, Ms. Platanitis and Mr. Bogdanovic, addressed the Committee to express concerns with the possibility of the Board issuing additional plates to accommodate the individuals who have been placed on the waiting list. Their concerns were unified in the claim that the addition of TNC's has resulted with the vehicle for hire industry being oversaturated which is having an ill effect on the prosperity of the taxi services business.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 (time to be advised), Niagara Regional Police Service – Headquarters, Community Room, 1st Floor, 5700 Valley Way, Niagara Falls.

ADJOURNMENT

The Licensing Committee Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Bob Gale, Chairperson

Deb Reid, Executive Director