Minute No. 647
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Item No. 3 Vehicle for Hire

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Council instruct the Winnipeg Public Service to impartially create a stakeholder working group to work directly with the Public Service on the new regulatory by-law(s) for the Vehicle for Hire Industry.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Bowman,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 18, 2017, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Council Motion of September 27, 2017, with the following amendment:

- That the Council Motion of September 27, 2017, be amended to read as follows:

  "That Council instruct the Winnipeg Public Service to impartially create a stakeholder working group to work directly with the Public Service on the new regulatory by-law(s) for the Vehicle for Hire Industry."

and submitted the matter to Council.

Councillor Eadie submitted a document titled "Descriptions of Vehicles for Hire, Vehicles Under contract and Ride Share Vehicles" in support of the matter.

Marty Gold submitted a communication dated October 18, 2017, with respect to the matter.

Jaspal Bedi submitted a communication (undated) in support of the matter.

Tarlochan Gill submitted a communication (undated) in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 27, 2017, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS, hundreds of families, if not thousands of Winnipeggers derive their economic survival from over 400 small businesses in the Winnipeg Taxi Cab Industry or Vehicle for Hire Industry;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS, the Province Of Manitoba has recklessly, if not planned, to unilaterally strip itself of the responsibility for this small business sector with its regulations;

AND WHEREAS, the loss of the Taxi Cab Industry is to have a negative financial impact on hundreds of Winnipeg families;

AND WHEREAS, a fair competitive environment must exist for all vehicle for hire operators under any new regulatory regime to avoid the deterioration of taxi services in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS having a stakeholder "working group" to review draft regulations and recommend changes is the best practice to come up with by-laws to regulate the Vehicle for Hire Industry similar to the Mayor's Climate Change Working Group;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and EPC instruct the Winnipeg Public Service to impartially create a stakeholder working group to work directly with the Public Service on the new regulatory by-law(s) for the Vehicle for Hire Industry, and will, but not be limited to, considering issues around standard taxi cab business license values and considering fair regulation requirements for all Vehicles for Hire working in the industry.