EPC Speaking Notes

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These bylaws will have a huge impact on me and my family.

Let me tell you about my family and where I live in Winnipeg.

What you are doing is wiping out our livelihood.

The bylaws you were proposing are unfair.

They give Uber a big advantage.

As taxi drivers we face requirements like a commercial license, training and an English language test.
Uber has none of these requirements.

Our vehicles have to have cameras, shields and other safety measures. This is good but Uber has none of this.

You are allowing Uber to charge whatever it wants but we face a maximum fare.

You are putting a tax on our fares for money that we feel will go to deal with Uber.

One of the most damaging things you are doing is destroying the existing licensing system. It is not fair to put a 20 year cap on the transferability of licenses. These are licenses we have invested in. We have build our livelihood and the taxi service system. There should be no cap.

It is also unbelievable that you would increase Taxi licenses by 120 even before we see what the impact of Uber and companies like Uber is. You should wait to see this.

Our industry had made many proposals. We know the industry. We can help you come up with bylaws that will work.

Most importantly please do not rush this through. Please take the time to listen to us.

These bylaws are good for Uber and bad for Winnipeg.

You represent us. We will be looking to our councillors and to you as mayor to see who is on our side and the side of those that support our community based taxi system. We will not forget.

We are asking you to fix the bylaws so that there is fairness and safety for everyone.