Minute No. 147
Report – Executive Policy Committee – January 17, 2018

Item No. 6 Clarification to the Council Decision on the Transition of the Regulation of Vehicles for Hire from the Province of Manitoba to the City of Winnipeg

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That Recommendation 21. of Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 6, 2017 adopted by Council on December 13, 2017, be amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

    - "The ability to continue to drive a taxi after the Vehicle for Hire By-law comes into effect does not apply to individuals who have been convicted of a relevant criminal offence or major driving offence within the previous 10 years, or who are on the child abuse registry."

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 by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 17, 2018, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the intent of the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw has always been to prohibit individuals who have been convicted of a relevant criminal offence or major driving offence within the previous 10 years, or who are on the child abuse registry to continue to drive a taxi after this By-law comes into effect;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation 21 of Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 6, 2017 adopted by Council on December 13, 2017 states:

"21. That the Vehicles for Hire By-law be amended to make it clear that Taxi drivers with valid licenses on February 28, 2018 may continue driving until their licenses expire, at which point they will require Vulnerable Sector Searches as part of their Criminal Record Check in order to renew their licenses."

AND WHEREAS Recommendation 21 requires clarity to ensure individuals who have been convicted of a relevant criminal offence or major driving offence within the previous 10 years, or who are on the child abuse registry will not be able to drive a taxi cab, as of the date the by-law comes into effect;

AND WHEREAS safety of passengers is of paramount concern to the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation 21 of Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 6, 2017 adopted by Council on December 13, 2017 be amended by adding the following at the end thereof:

- "The ability to continue to drive a taxi after the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw comes into effect does not apply to individuals who have been convicted of a relevant criminal offence or major driving offence within the previous 10 years, or who are on the child abuse registry."

and submitted the matter to Council.