

## **Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – September 21, 2020**

### **Report – Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – September 16, 2020**

Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

#### **Item No. 3                      Rebate – Taxi Per Trip Cost**

##### **STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On September 16, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works submitted the following to Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide a credit for the month of April, 2020, to both taxi and personal transportation drivers, which is intended to be passed along to the individual drivers, equivalent to up to one month's value of the dispatcher licence fees in the following manner:
  - A. For small dispatchers with licences for less than 25 vehicles, and monthly licence costs less than \$500, a credit for the full amount of one month's dispatcher licence fee.
  - B. For those companies with dispatcher licences of more than 25 vehicles, and monthly licence costs over \$500, a credit of 50% of the value of one month's dispatcher licence fee.
2. That the dispatcher licence fee credits of approximately \$16,000 to the Vehicle for Hire industry, be funded through existing departmental budgets.
3. 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:**

#### **STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On September 16, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works recommended the following to the Executive Policy Committee and Council:

1. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to provide a credit for the month of April, 2020, to both taxi and personal transportation drivers, which is intended to be passed along to the individual drivers, equivalent to up to one month's value of the dispatcher licence fees in the following manner:
  - A. For small dispatchers with licences for less than 25 vehicles, and monthly licence costs less than \$500, a credit for the full amount of one month's dispatcher licence fee.
  - B. For those companies with dispatcher licences of more than 25 vehicles, and monthly licence costs over \$500, a credit of 50% of the value of one month's dispatcher licence fee.
2. That the dispatcher licence fee credits of approximately \$16,000 to the Vehicle for Hire industry, be funded through existing departmental budgets.
3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

On July 7, 2020, the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works laid the matter over to its meeting on September 10, 2020.

#### **COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

On June 4, 2020, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the taxi industry in Winnipeg has seen a massive drop in business estimated to be upwards of 85% due to COVID-19;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has classified the taxi industry as an essential service to many residents of Winnipeg and beyond;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg receives a 18 cent fee per trip as a part of the customer's fare;

AND WHEREAS the Public Service receives reports that would support a severe financial impact as a result of COVID-19;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works be requested to direct the Winnipeg Public Service to:

1. Provide a rebate of 50% to the individual taxi owners of the per trip fee from April 1st, 2020 until the COVID-19 impact has subsided substantially as determined by the Province of Manitoba.