

Minute No. 564

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

Item No. 3 Rebate – Taxi Per Trip Cost

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council did not concur in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

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 support operations as well the 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:

Moved by Councillor Allard,

That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Nason,

Seconded by Councillor Sharma,

THAT Recommendation 1 of Item No 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works dated September 16, 2020 be deleted and replaced with the following:

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 support operations as well the 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.

The motion moved by Councillor Nason and Seconded by Councillor Sharma was put.

Councillor Browaty called for the yeas and nays which were as follows:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

Yea: Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Mayes,
Nason, Orlikow, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma. 12

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Gillingham, Gilroy and,
Rollins 4

and the motion for the adoption of the item was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the item as amended was put and declared
carried.

His Worship Mayor Bowman and Councillors Gillingham and Rollins asked to be recorded as
having voted against the item in accordance with Rule 47(7) of the Procedure Bylaw.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council that the
recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works
be received as information.

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.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

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.

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;

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.