

Re: Item No. 15.1.6

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# **Vehicle for Hire Review**

Halifax Regional Council

September 17, 2019

# Presentation Overview

- Recommendations
- Proposed amendments to By-law T-1000 and Administrative Order 39

# Recommendations

1. Adopt the revised By-law T-1003, dated September 12, 2019, the purpose of which is to amend By-law T-1000, the Halifax Regional Municipality Taxi and Limousine By-law as set out in Attachment 2 to this report, and
2. Adopt the revised amending Administrative Order, dated August 21, 2019. the purpose of which is to amend Administrative Order 39, Respecting Taxi and Limousine Regulations, as set out in Attachment 4 to this report.

# Amendment Areas

- Safety
- Taxi zones
- Supply vs demand
- Housekeeping items for By-law T-1000 and AO 39

# Safety

## Amendments:

- Global Positioning System (GPS) for all taxis
- Mandatory training - knowledge and cultural sensitivity, winter driving course
- English language - Canadian Language Benchmark level 5 for application

# Taxi Zones

Amendment:

- Elimination of Halifax, Dartmouth, and County zones

# Supply vs. Demand

Amendment:

- Increasing taxi owner license limitation from 1,000 to 1,600

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# Housekeeping Items for By-law and AO 39 Amendments

- Criminal offense or major driving offense in the last 10 years
- Child Abuse Registry check
- Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check 30 days – four months
- All vehicles accept credit card / debit
- Vehicle age no older than 10 years – July 30 Council motion
- No talking with cell phones / headsets while operating vehicle for hire
- Motor Vehicle Inspection valid 30 days from expiry at minimum
- Require a staff report for taxi meter increase only
- Upgrade limousine standards



# Housekeeping Items for By-law and AO 39 Amendments cont'd

- Remove hotel standards
- Non-smoking section inclusive of all forms of smoking
- Halifax International Airport Authority shall set the rates from the airport
- Medical letter on file before service animal refusal
- Remove crossed out images of roof lights in AO but include a new image as per Legal's recommendation
- No limitations on accessible licenses – individual or corporation

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