

Item No. 18.2

Request for Consideration			
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Council or Committee: Regional Council		Date of Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 24, 2019	
Subject: Revision of taxi appeals process			
<p>Motion to Consider: That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report to recommend appropriate structure, composition and operation of an arm's length external Committee to adjudicate appeals of the appealable decisions of the Licensing Authority under the Regulations of Taxis and Licenses (By-law T-1000).</p> <p>Reason: It is important for residents and the taxi industry that rapid steps be taken to ensure that confidence is restored in the taxi and appeals system.</p> <p>It is proposed to create a standing committee of 3-5 citizens who are not councillors who have legal and administrative adjudicative experience, to hear these appeals, and in doing so bring the adjudication of licensing of taxis in line with the new bylaw. This will help increase the safety of women and vulnerable passengers as a priority, rather than employment of taxi drivers, and to create a new body with education and experience in the narrow application of administrative law in matters such as taxi regulation.</p> <p>The Charter allows the establishment of standing committees with no councillors, and to delegate Council authority to standing committees:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Standing, special and advisory committees</i> <i>21 (1) The Council may establish standing, special and advisory committees.</i> <i>(3) The Council may appoint persons who are not members of the Council to a committee and may establish a procedure for doing so.</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>Power to make policies</i> <i>60 (1) The Council may make policies (i) licences issued pursuant to a by-law of the Municipality,</i> <i>(2) Where the power to issue, refuse, suspend, cancel or revoke licences and permits is delegated by policy, provision for an appeal of such issuance, refusal, suspension, cancellation or revocation to a standing committee or to the Council must be included in the policy. 2008, c.</i></p>			
<p>Outcome Sought: Report with amendments to create an arm's length appeals committee of external members to adjudicating Taxi Appeals.</p>			
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