

Item No. 15.1

Request for Transportation Standing Committee Consideration		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> Added from the Floor Notice of Motion
Date of Meeting: April 29th, 2021		
Subject: Proposed Amendments to HRM Bylaw T1000		
<p>Motion for the Committee to Consider: That the Transportation Standing Committee request a staff report to amend HRM Bylaw T1000 to ensure fairness in the process to become either a Taxi Driver or a Transportation Network Company (TNC) Driver.</p> <p>Reason: The bylaw as written with recent changes, has created an unfair playing field for getting licenses as Driver for Hire.</p> <p>The path to becoming a TNC requires significantly less process, shorter timeline and less financial costs than that of a taxi driver.</p> <p>TNC drivers are not required to get a specialized license in HRM. Conditional licenses pose significant barriers for operational and logistical advancement as an independent business owner.</p> <p>There is serious concern in the industry that this could impact the taxi industry by creating barriers for future recruitment of taxi drivers in HRM.</p> <p>It could be complicated and challenging for TNC drivers to switch to Taxi drivers due to the process of licensing, while it could be relatively easy and enticing for taxi drivers to leave and become a TNC driver, where the licensing is not required and no need to have to deal with the barriers of a conditional license period.</p>		
<p>Outcome Sought: Request a staff report to explore the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a comparable process for each type of license Taxi/TNC, similarly to those at play for taxi licenses. 2. Eliminate the conditional license period for all drivers for hire. (currently only taxi license has this, where TNC has no requirement for license let along conditional license period) 3. Eliminate the Taxi Driver National Certification Program or include it for TNC licensing. 4. Eliminate Winter Driving Course for Taxi Drivers or include as a Requirement for TNC Drivers Licensing. 		
<i>Councillor Becky Kent - Original Signed -</i>		<i>District 3</i>