



**APPEALS STANDING COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
MINUTES  
July 29, 2020**

PRESENT: Councillor Steve Adams, Chair  
Councillor Russell Walker, Vice Chair  
Deputy Mayor Lisa Blackburn  
Councillor Bill Karsten  
Councillor David Hendsbee  
Councillor Matt Whitman

STAFF: Karen MacDonald, Senior Solicitor  
Tanya Phillips, Manager, By-law Standards  
Krista Vining, Legislative Assistant

*The following does not represent a verbatim record of the proceedings of this meeting.*

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*The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the special meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – March 12, 2020**

MOVED by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Karsten

**THAT the minutes of March 12, 2020 be approved as circulated.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Deputy Mayor Blackburn

**THAT the agenda be approved as presented.**

**MOTION PUT AND PASSED.**

**4. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES – NONE**

**5. CALL FOR DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTERESTS – NONE**

**6. CORRESPONDENCE, PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Correspondence – None**

**6.2 Petitions – None**

**7. REPORTS**

**7.2 TAXIS, ACCESSIBLE TAXIS AND LIMOUSINES: APPEALS**

**7.2.1 Appeal of Suspension of Taxi Driver License #A014 and Taxi Owner License #578**

The following was before the Standing Committee:

- A staff recommendation report dated July 9, 2020

Hilary Hayes, Supervisor Licensing, Municipal Compliance gave an overview of the Taxi Authority's decision to immediately suspend Navneet Jaggi's taxi driver license #A014 and taxi owner license #578 upon being advised of their criminal charge, in accordance with section 44.1(b) and (c) of the Taxi and Limousine By-law T-1000.

**Navneet Jaggi, Appellant** spoke to driving a taxi for more than eight (8) years and how their taxi had audio and video but that the memory capacity was only two (2) days. They noted that their spouse does not speak English and was unable to work, and driving a taxi was their only source of income. In response to a question raised, Jaggi confirmed that the audio and video would automatically start and stop recording when the vehicle's ignition was turned on and off. They also confirmed they had a court date on August 18, 2020.

MOVED by Councillor Karsten, seconded by Councillor Hendsbee

**THAT the Appeals Standing Committee allow the appeal, in accordance with Administrative Order One.**

Members of the Standing Committee discussed the appeal and having zero tolerance for these types of allegations in the interest of public safety.

**MOTION PUT AND DEFEATED.** (Decision of the Taxi Authority upheld)

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.

Krista Vining  
Legislative Assistant