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LICENSING AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE:

**Subject: Planning and Transportation Committee Report 5, Clause 15
Other Items Considered by the Committee**

City Council on July 25, 26 and 27, 2006:

- (1) waived the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, in order to consider the following Item (c), entitled "Taxicab Driver Protective Shield Program"; and
- (2) referred the report (June 19, 2006) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, entitled "Taxicab Driver Protective Shield Program", to the first meeting of the new Licensing and Standards Committee in 2007:

“(c) Taxicab Driver Protective Shield Program

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) **deferred consideration of the issue of mandatory shields until such time shield/shields have been approved by the Canadian Standards Association or a similar regulatory body: and**
- (2) **received the following communications:**
 - (a) **(July 4, 2006) from Gerry H. Manley; and**
 - (b) **(July 3, 2006) from Ian Allaby.**

Report (June 19, 2006) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, reporting on a methodology to determine the feasibility of mandatory taxicab driver protective shield programme, including consulting with taxicab drivers, the possibility of conducting a poll and possible models for the financing of the installation of protective shields through a taxicab fare surcharge or other viable financing options without direct costs to the City of Toronto.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards Division conduct a feasibility study regarding a mandatory taxi shield program and report to Planning and Transportation Committee by March 2007; and
- (2) the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to undertake an independent, statistically valid survey of Toronto citizens who are taxicab users to determine their views on the implementation of a mandatory taxi cab shield program.

The following persons addressed the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- George Barisiocas;
- Fred Dominelli;
- Steve Okopny, OKAN Industries Ltd. and filed a copy of his submission;
- Aldo Marchese, President, Independent Cab Owners' Co-operative Incorporated;
- Louis M. Sets, Taxicab Benefits Association;
- Hubert Owen Leach, Coalition of Concerned Taxi Drivers;
- Jamshid Bagherzadeh, Canada Taxi Driver Association;
- Ahmet Galkan;
- Stephen Hozack;
- Catherine Monserie;
- Wilma Walsh;
- Mike Tranquada;
- John McIntyre;
- Mohammed Hakimzadah and filed a copy of his submission;
- Bashir M. Husen;
- Councillor Carroll, Ward 33 Don Valley East;
- Councillor Davis, Ward 31 Beaches-East York; and
- Councillor Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West.”

for City Clerk

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Attachment

Sent to: Licensing and Standards Committee
All Interested Parties

c. Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards