

Licensing and Standards Committee

Meeting No. 1
Meeting Date Friday, January 19, 2007
Start Time 9:30 AM
Location Committee Room No. 1, City Hall

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- *action taken by the Committee on its own authority does not require Council's approval and is listed in the decision document in italics under the heading "Decision Advice and Other Information" at the end of the item; and*
- *Declarations of Interest, if any, appear at the end of an item.*

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Election of Vice Chair

Summary

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Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee elected Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong as Vice Chair.

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Briefing of Licensing and Standards Committee

Summary

Divisions/organizations identified as having a licensing and/or standards role to deliver PowerPoint presentations that provide an overview of their responsibilities as they relate to the mandate of the Licensing and Standards Committee.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee:

1. *requested the City Manager to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on February 16, 2007, on the matters from all City Divisions that will fall under the jurisdiction of the Licensing and Standards Committee; and*
2. *received presentations from the following Divisions:*
 - City Manager's Office on the City of Toronto Act, 2006 - Phillip Abrahams, Manager
 - Municipal Licensing and Standards – Lenna Bradburn, General Manager
 - Toronto Public Health – Ron de Burger, Director, Healthy Environments
 - Toronto Fire Services – Chief Bill Stewart
 - Toronto Building – Ann Borooah, Chief Building Official and General Manager
 - Transportation Services – Angie Antoniou, Manager, R.O.W. Management
 - City Clerk's Office – Ulli Watkiss, City Clerk
 - Parks, Recreation and Forestry – Mark Procunier, Manager, Urban Forestry
 - Solid Waste Management – Geoff Rathbone, Director, Solid Waste Management
 - Toronto Water – Alex Marich, Director, Operational Support

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Multi-residential Apartment Building Licensing Initiative

(January 19, 2007) Member Motion from Councillor Anthony Perruzza, York West, Ward 8

Summary

In 2004, the City of Toronto, in principle, adopted a framework strategy to allow for a licensing regime and enforcement protocol of privately-owned, multi-unit residential properties. This would allow for the funding of proactive inspections that would be an improvement over the current complaint-driven model, and ensure that such properties would meet the provisions of

the Toronto Municipal Code. At the time of the report, provincial regulation prohibited the inception of a licensing system. With the passage of Bill 53, the City of Toronto Council now has the power to enact such a system.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee:

1. *requested the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to:*
 - a. *report to the Licensing and Standards Committee by June 2007 detailing options to license landlords and/or rental properties such report to include a review of the present system for dealing with this issue; and*
 - b. *provide a briefing to the Licensing and Standards Committee on March 30, 2007, on the status of the process; and*
2. *received a package of information from the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now and referred it to the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to be considered in the options on licensing landlords and/or rental properties.*

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Impact of Airport Limousines on Taxi Industry

(January 15, 2007) letter from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Don Valley East, Ward 34

Summary

Providing background information on unlicensed vehicles and out-of-town cars known as "scoopers" taking fares from the Toronto taxi and livery industry and requesting City Officials to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on eliminating "scoopers" from the City of Toronto.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee requested:

1. *the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on March 30, 2007, on options for using the powers under the new City of Toronto Act, 2006, to prevent unlicensed vehicles and out-of-town cars, known as "scoopers", from taking fares from the Toronto taxi and livery industry; and*
2. *that the City Clerk give appropriate notice as required under Chapter 162 of the Municipal Code, Notice, Public.*

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Review of Business License Thresholds for Taxi Drivers

(January 19, 2007) letter from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Don Valley East, Ward 34

Summary

Providing background information on the application of the by-law on business license thresholds for taxi drivers and requesting that City Officials report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on this issue.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee requested:

1. *the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on May 4, 2007, on the application of the by-law concerning business license thresholds for taxi drivers; and*
2. *that the City Clerk give appropriate notice, as required, under Chapter 162 of the Municipal Code, Notice, Public.*

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Licensing of International Schools of Learning/Training

(January 19, 2007) Member Motion from Councillor Mike Del Grande, Scarborough-Agincourt, Ward 39

Summary

Requesting City Officials to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on the licensing of international schools of learning/training.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee requested the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report to the Licensing and Standards Committee on October 5, 2007, on a possible mechanism for controlling abuses in the areas of international schools of learning, training, etc., which recruit students out of country.

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2007-01-19	Morning	9:35 AM	12:30 PM	Public
2007-01-19	Afternoon	1:35 PM	3:25 PM	Public