

Licensing and Standards Committee

Meeting No. 1	Contact Mary Carroll ,Committee Administrator
Meeting Date Friday, January 19, 2007	Phone 416-392-7822
Start Time 9:35 a.m.	E-mail mcarrol@toronto.ca
Location Committee Room No. 1, City Hall	

Attendance

Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee were present for some or all of the time periods indicated under the section headed “Meeting Sessions”, which appears at the end of the Minutes.

Councillor Howard Moscoe (Chair)	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong (Vice Chair)	X
Councillor Sandra Bussin	X
Councillor Mike Del Grande	X
Councillor Rob Ford	X
Councillor Anthony Perruzza	X

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Election of Vice Chair

Summary

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Decision Advice and Other Information

The Chair called for nominations for the office of Vice Chair of the Licensing and Standards Committee for the term of office expiring on December 31, 2008.

Councillor Perruzza moved that Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong be nominated as Vice Chair of the Licensing and Standards Committee.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

On motion by Councillor Perruzza, the Licensing and Standards Committee elected Councillor Dennis Minnan-Wong as Vice Chair of the Committee for the term of office expiring on December 31, 2008.

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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

(Motion by Councillor Moscoe)

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

(Motion by Councillor Perruzza)

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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. consented to adding to the agenda for this meeting a Notice of Motion by Councillor Perruzza;
2. 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;
 - b. provide a briefing to the March 30, 2007 Licensing and Standards Committee on the status of the process, and
 - c. receive the package of information from the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now for consideration in the options on licensing landlords and/or rental properties; and

(Motions by Councillor Perruzza)

3. added the following to part 2.a. of Councillor Perruzza's motion:

“such report to include a review of the present system for dealing with this issue.”

so that part 2.a. now reads:

- “1. 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;”.

(Motion by Councillor Del Grande)

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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

On motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong, the Licensing and Standards Committee:

1. consented to adding the letter (January 15, 2007) from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong to the agenda for consideration at this meeting;
2. requested 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
3. requested the City Clerk to 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

On motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong, the Licensing and Standards Committee:

1. consented to adding the letter (January 19, 2007) from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong to the agenda for consideration at this meeting;
2. requested 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

3. requested the City Clerk to 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

On motion by Councillor Del Grande, 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

Chair