

Licensing and Standards Committee

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Briefing to the Committee Members on the Taxi Industry

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

- 1. City Council receive the report (March 16, 2007) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards.
- 2. City Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-2, Licence requirement, by:
 - A. Removing from Subsection B(1) the following wording:

".....except where such conveyance is made to an airport owned and operated by the Crown in right of Canada situated outside the municipality by a cab rearing a valid and subsisting plate issued in respect of such airport under the Government Airport Concession Operators Regulations made under the Department of Transport Act (Canada)".

- 3. City Council direct the Chair and Vice Chair and any other interested Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee, to undertake discussions with various stakeholders to determine if it is possible to negotiate an arrangement that would provide Toronto Taxis with clear and consistent access to Toronto International Airport and if successful, to bring forward any recommendations in this regard before the Committee for public consideration.
- 4. City Council direct the Chair and Vice Chair and any other interested Members of the

Licensing and Standards Committee, to undertake consultation with other stakeholders including other governments within the GTA and other orders of government to determine if reciprocal arrangements are possible to enhance the quality of service to residents, businesses and report to Licence and Standards on any proposals they deem to be worthy of further discussion.

- 5. City Council direct the Chair, Licensing and Standards Committee to meet with the Chief of Police and Chair and Vice Chair of the Police Services Board to discuss a possible enforcements protocol for enforcement of Chapter 545-2 as it pertains to recognizing the importance and value of the Taxi industry to the City of Toronto.
- 6. City Council direct staff to do all things necessary to facilitate these matters.
- 7. Council receive for information, the report (March 27, 2007) from the City Solicitor, and that Confidential Attachment 1 to the report remain confidential, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and potential litigation.
- 8. The City not issue any livery licenses to limousines that hold licenses in other jurisdictions until such time as this review is completed.
- 9. The City Clerk be directed to facilitate the consultation process as outlined in the recommendations; and that the City Solicitor be requested to report, through the Licensing and Standards Committee, to City Council for its meeting on October 22, 2007, on the results of the consultation process.
- 10. The following Recommendation 2B of the Licensing and Standards Committee be referred to the City Solicitor for further review and a report back to the Licensing and Standards Committee:
 - "2. City Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-2, Licence requirement, by:
 - B. Adding a new Subsection as follows:
 - a. no taxicab or livery vehicle licensed by the City of Toronto be permitted to carry any additional license or permit issued by another jurisdiction, and no Toronto license or permit will be allowed to be affixed to a vehicle already carrying a license or permit issued by another jurisdiction; and
 - notwithstanding (a) taxis currently licensed by the City of Toronto that are in possession of a valid GACOR (Government Airport Concession Operators Regulation) permit prior to January 1, 2007, shall be grandfathered and the appropriate wording be included in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545."

11. Implementation of the airport exemption be delayed for one month, while the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Licensing and Standards Committee meet with their political counterparts, and our City staff meet with their appropriate counterparts in order to bring true equity to the industry.

Confidential Attachment 1 to the report (March 27, 2007) from the City Solicitor, remains confidential in its entirety, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and potential litigation.

The confidential communication (March 30, 2007) from the Licensing and Standards Committee remains confidential in its entirety, in accordance with the provisions of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, as it contains information that is related to litigation or potential litigation and is otherwise subject to solicitor-client privilege.

The Licensing and Standards Committee held a public meeting and notice, in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006, was posted on the City's web site.

Committee Recommendations

The Licensing and Standards Committee recommends that:

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Operators Regulation) permit prior to January 1, 2007 shall be grandfathered and the appropriate wording be included in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545.

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- 5. City Council direct the Chair, Licensing and Standards Committee to meet with the Chief of Police and Chair and Vice Chair of the Police Services Board to discuss a possible enforcements protocol for enforcement of Chapter 545-2 as it pertains to recognizing the importance and value of the Taxi industry to the City of Toronto.
- 6. City Council direct staff to do all things necessary to facilitate these matters.
- 7. City Council adopt the confidential recommendation contained in the communication (March 30, 2007) from the City Clerk (distributed to all Members of Council under separate cover).

Summary

Recommendation to Council.

Speakers

Virginia MacLean QC Sami Khairallah, Airport Taxi & Limo Service Vijay Sobti, Director, A-1 Airline Services Steve Shaw, Vice President, Corporate Affairs, Greater Toronto Airports Authority Karam Punian and filed a submission Rajinder Singh and filed a submission Gurmail Singh Dhir Arvind Kumar Agarwal Gerald H. Manley Jim Bell, President, Toronto Taxicab Alliance Louis Vittas, Airline Limousine Hubert Leach Steve Anemi Ahmet Gulkan

Jamshid Bagherzadeh Aldo Marchese, Independent Cab Owners' Co-op Mike Tranquada, President, Independent Toronto Taxi and filed a submission Hiller Gudes Terry Danylevich Kamil Trabulsey and filed a submission Mohammed Hakimzadah, ABC Taxi

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Licensing and Standards Committee:

- a. Deferred the briefing on the Taxi Industry until its meeting of May 4, 2007.
- b. Directed the City Solicitor to prepare a confidential report directly to City Council as outlined in the confidential communication (March 30, 2007) from the City Clerk, such report to remain confidential in its entirety as it consists of legal advice.
- c. Received the following confidential report and communications:
 - a. confidential report (March 27, 2007) from the City Solicitor;
 - b. communication (March 29, 2007) from the City Clerk;
 - c. communication (March 2007) from the Airport Limousine Operators Association;
 - d. communication (March 30, 2007) from Gerald H. Manley;
 - e. communication (March 28, 2007) from Jim Bell, President, Toronto Taxicab Alliance; and
 - f. communication (March 28, 2007) from Arvind Kumar Agarwal.

1a Impact of Airport Limousines on the Taxicab Industry

(March 16, 2007) report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Summary

This report canvasses the issues related to the "airport exemption" contained in the Municipal Act and subsequently not carried forward with the enactment of the City of Toronto Act, 2006, (the COTA), rationales related to its removal from Chapter 545, Licensing, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code (the Code), and other strategies for the public to travel to and from Lester B. Pearson International Airport (the Airport).

The Municipal Licensing and Standards (ML&S) Division, together with the Economic

Development, Culture and Tourism Division, on behalf of the City of Toronto, consult with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the Provincial government, the Federal government, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, municipalities adjacent to the City of Toronto and other stakeholders regarding service for the travelling public going to or arriving at Lester B. Pearson International Airport for the purpose of developing a strategic policy framework and report to Committee at its first meeting of 2008.

City Council reaffirm support for the position to remove the "airport exemption" the City of Toronto Municipal Code in § 545-2b(2) Chapter 545, Licensing, subject to the results of consultations.

The City Solicitor, the General Manager of Economic Development Culture and Tourism, and the City Manager's Office were consulted in the preparation of this report.

Recommendations

The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division recommends that:

- 1. The Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, and the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division, on behalf of the City of Toronto, consult with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the Provincial government, the Federal government, the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, municipalities adjacent to the City of Toronto and other stakeholders regarding service for the travelling public going to or arriving at Lester B. Pearson International Airport for the purpose of developing a strategic policy framework and report to Committee at its first meeting of 2008.
- 2. City Council reaffirm support for the position to remove the "airport exemption" from the City of Toronto Municipal Code in § 545-2B(2) Chapter 545, Licensing, subject to the results of the consultations.

Background Information

Impact of Airport Limousines on the Taxicab Industry (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-2371.pdf)

Communications

(March 13, 2007) Submission from Airline Limousine Operators Association - LSMainLS3.1.1 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/comm/communicationfile-813.pdf) (March 22, 2007) Submission from Gerald H. Manley - LSMainLS3.1.2 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/comm/communicationfile-939.pdf) (March 22, 2007) letter from Jim Bell, President, Toronto Taxicab Alliance - LSMainLS3.1.3 (March 28, 2007) e-mail from Arvind-Kurmar Agarwal - LSMainLS3.1.4 (March 29, 2007) letter from M. Virginia MacLean, Q.C. - LSMainls3.1.5

Council also considered the following:

- Petition (April 16, 2007) containing approximately 1,000 signatures of GTAA licensed Taxicabs and Limousine Drivers, submitted by Councillor Rob Ford, Ward 2, Etobicoke North (LS3.1.7)
- communication (April 18, 2007) from Louis Vittas, Airport Limousine Operators Association. (LS3.1.6)
- communication (April 24, 2007) from Louis Vittas, Airport Limousine Operators Association. (LS3.1.8)

1b Legal Analysis of Proposed By-Laws Respecting Airport Taxicabs and Limousines

Confidential - Confidential advice in Attachment 1

(March 27, 2007) report from City Solicitor

Summary

This report is supplemental to the report from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, entitled Impact of Airport Limousines on the Taxicab Industry.

Currently, most taxicabs and limousines that pick up passengers in the City of Toronto are required to have a Toronto licence. However, there is an exception to that requirement for taxicabs and limousines that carry a permit issued under the federal Government Airport Concession Operators Regulations (GACOR permit) picking up passengers in Toronto to transport them to Toronto Pearson International Airport (Pearson). This is known as the "airport exemption".

The airport exemption was added to the Municipal Act in December of 1978. At that time, it was also added to the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto's licensing by-law, and subsequently carried forward to the City of Toronto's Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing. The Province did not include the airport exemption in the City of Toronto Act, 2006 (COTA), although it has been retained for other municipalities in the new Municipal Act, 2001. By not including the airport exemption in COTA, the Province has enabled Toronto to decide whether it should also be removed from Chapter 545.

The Executive Director's report discusses a proposal to amend Chapter 545 to require taxicabs and limousines picking up fares to the airport to be licensed by Toronto. This report provides legal advice to City Council respecting that proposal. It also provides legal advice on a proposal to amend Chapter 545 to prohibit dual licensing (that is, prohibit taxicabs and limousines licensed by Toronto from carrying any additional licence or permit issued by another jurisdiction) while grandparenting Toronto-licensed taxicabs that possessed a valid GACOR permit prior to January 1, 2007.

Background Information

Legal Analysis of Proposed By-Laws Respecting Airport Taxicabs and Limousines (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-2496.pdf

1c Airport Taxis

Summary

The Licensing and Standards Committee at its meeting on February 16, 2007, deferred consideration of this matter until its meeting of March 30, 2007, and directed the City Clerk to give appropriate Notice under Chapter 162 of the Municipal Code, Public Notice and further that the Committee also consider at that time a Notice of Motion by Councillor Moscoe to amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545-2, Licence requirement.

LS3.2	NO AMENDMENT			
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New Harmonized Fireworks By-law and Permit Rules

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

- 1. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bills to repeal the former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 190, Etobicoke Municipal Code Chapter 137, Scarborough By-law 23650, York By-law 1648-73, Borough of East York By-law 695 and North York By-law 25102, and any by-laws amending these, as of January 1, 2008.
- 2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bills with respect to a new fireworks by-law (to be effective January 1, 2008) to implement the recommendations in this report.
- 3. City Council direct the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to issue permits to Permanent Fireworks Vendors that meet the requirements of the federal Explosives Act and regulations under that act (the "Explosives Act") to sell family, display, and theatrical fireworks year-round, at a cost of \$2,500 per year.
- 4. City Council direct Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to issue permits to Temporary Fireworks Vendors, Temporary Lease Fireworks Vendors and Mobile Fireworks Vendors to sell only family fireworks only on Canada Day and the sevenday period before Canada Day and on Victoria Day and the seven-day period before Victoria Day at a cost of \$500 per year.

- 5. City Council direct the Toronto Fire Services to complete all inspections for Permanent, Temporary Lease and Mobile Fireworks Vendors and for Temporary Fireworks Vendors that do not already have a business license with the City.
- 6. City Council direct the Toronto Fire Services to issue Special Occasions Discharge Permits for the discharge of family fireworks for religious, cultural and special events that are not discharged on or about Victoria Day or Canada Day (as described below), at a cost of \$25 per Special Occasions Discharge Permit.
- 7. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bills to amend Schedule 1 of Appendix B of Chapter 441, Fees and Charges of the Toronto Municipal Code to add the following fees:

\$25 fee for a Special Occasions Discharge Permit
\$2,500 annual fee for Permanent Fireworks Vendor's Permit
\$500 annual fee for a Temporary Mobile Fireworks Vendor's Permit
\$500 annual fee for a Temporary Lease Fireworks Vendor's Permit
\$500 annual fee for a Temporary Fireworks Vendor's permit (where required under the by-law)
\$100 fee for an amendment to an existing Temporary Mobile Fireworks Vendor's Permit to reflect a new location for the temporary sale of Family Fireworks.

- 8. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bills to amend Item 24 of Schedule 1 of Appendix B of Chapter 441, Fees and Charges of the Toronto Municipal Code to replace "Fireworks Display Permits" with "Fireworks Display/Theatrical Permits".
- 9. City Council authorize the Fire Chief and Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, or their respective delegates, to implement the fireworks by-law.
- 10. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, or their respective delegates, to implement the review and issuance of permits for the fireworks vendors under the fireworks by-law.
- 11. City Council direct the City Solicitor to make an application for the set fines as set out in the body of this report.
- 12. City Council direct the Toronto Fire Services to incorporate into their fire safety education programs a component related to the safe use of fireworks.
- 13. City Council direct the Toronto Fire Services to prepare a one page pamphlet about the safe use of family fireworks and the by-law be amended to require the retailer to provide this publication to each and every purchaser of family fireworks.

(February 13, 2007) report from Toronto Fire Services

The Licensing and Standards Committee held a public meeting and notice, in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006, was posted on the City's web site.

Committee Recommendations

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Summary

This report seeks Council's authorization to create a new, harmonized fireworks by-law for the City of Toronto. The by-law would regulate the sale of fireworks by both permanent and temporary fireworks vendors, requiring them to obtain vendor permits.

The new by-law would also allow the city to issue Special Occasions Discharge Permits for family fireworks at religious, cultural, and special events. The Special Occasions Discharge Permits will enable Toronto Fire Services to account for and document fireworks that the City has authorized to be safely discharged.

Background Information

New Harmonized Fireworks By-law and Permit Rules (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-2000.pdf)

Communications

(March 30, 2007) e-mail from Ann Rastin, President, Canadian Pyrotechnic Council – LSMainLS3.2.1

LS3.3	NO AMENDMENT			
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Review of Applications to be Included in the City's List of Approved Professional Holistic Associations

City Council Decision

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, adopted the following motions:

- 1. City Council include the following four holistic associations in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, Appendix L, and that these associations be recognized as Professional Holistic Associations for the purposes of licensing holistic practitioners and owners:
 - a. International Aromatherapists and Tutors Association Canada Inc;
 - b. International Council of Ayurvedic Physicians Inc;
 - c. Preventative Health Services Group; and
 - d. National Association of Holistic Health Practitioners.
- 2. City Council direct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately.
- 3. City Council authorize and direct all other appropriate City officials to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

(March 5, 2007) report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

The Licensing and Standards Committee held a public meeting and notice, in accordance with the City of Toronto Act, 2006, was posted on the City's web site.

Committee Recommendations

The Licensing and Standards Committee recommends that:

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- 3. City Council authorize and direct all other appropriate City officials to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Summary

To recommend to the Licensing and Standards Committee an additional list of Professional Holistic Associations that meet the City of Toronto's criteria with respect to the licensing of holistic practitioners.

Staff received applications from the following holistic associations: InternationalAromatherapists & Tutors Association Canada Inc., International Council of AyurvedicPhysicians Inc., Preventative Health Services Group, and National Association of HolisticHealth Practitioners. The associations were evaluated on three main criteria: (a) Governance;(b) Membership and Membership Services; and (c) Ethics and Discipline.

Based on the submitted applications, all four associations adequately meet the criteria to be included in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, Appendix L, as Professional Holistic Associations.

Background Information

Professional Holistic Associations Approval (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-2369.pdf)

Noted and Filed Items:

The Licensing and Standards Committee noted and filed the following agenda item:

LS3.4 Leaf Blower Use Restriction in City of Toronto

(March 9, 2007) letter from City Clerk

(March 28, 2007) letter from Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby.

Submitted Friday, March 30, 2007 Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair, Licensing and Standards Committee