

Taxicab and Limousine Airport Flat Rate Tariff Increase

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To:	Licensing and Standards Committee
From:	Jim Hart, Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards
Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend an increase in the flat rate taxicab and limousine tariffs charged by Toronto licensed taxicabs and limousines taking fares from the City of Toronto to Lester B. Pearson International Airport, found in Appendix “M” and Appendix “N” to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing.

On August 24, 2008 the Greater Toronto Airports Authority increased the flat rate tariffs for both taxicab and limousine trips originating from Lester B. Pearson International Airport by a weighted average of approximately 10 per cent along with a formula for the addition of a fuel surcharge to each fare dependent on the average retail fuel prices for the preceding 90 days.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to increase the flat rate taxicab and limousine tariffs charged by Toronto licensed taxicabs and limousines taking fares from the City of Toronto to Lester B. Pearson International Airport to bring them in line with the tariff increases which were implemented by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority on August 24, 2008, as set out in Appendix “A” and Appendix “B” of this report; and
2. The City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report.

Financial Impact

The recommendations of this report will have no financial impact beyond what has already been approved in the current year's budget.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting of June 6, 2008, the Licensing and Standards Committee considered a report entitled Taxicab Fuel Surcharge and Fare Increase Proposals dated May 27, 2008.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-13487.pdf>

At that meeting, Committee requested that the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards report to the Licensing and Standards Committee at such time as the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) fares are adjusted.

COMMENTS

On August 24, 2008, the GTAA increased the flat rate tariffs for both taxicab and limousine trips originating from Lester B. Pearson International Airport by a weighted average of approximately 10 per cent. At the same time the GTAA instituted a formula for the addition of a fuel surcharge to each fare dependent on the average retail fuel prices for the preceding 90 days.

The fuel surcharge formula is applied on a per trip basis based on the average price per litre of regular gasoline over successive 90 day periods. See table 1, below.

Table 1
GTAA Taxicab and Limousine Fuel Surcharge

Average 90-Day Fuel Price (litre of regular gasoline)	Fuel Surcharge (maximum per trip)
\$0.50 - \$0.90	\$0.00
\$0.91 - \$1.19	\$1.00
\$1.20 - \$1.39	\$2.00
\$1.40 - \$1.59	\$3.00
\$1.60 - \$1.79	\$4.00
\$1.80 - \$2.00	\$5.00

This report recommends amending the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, to increase the flat rate taxicab and limousine tariffs charged by Toronto licensed taxicabs and limousines taking fares from the City of Toronto to Lester B. Pearson International Airport to bring them in line with the tariff increases which were implemented by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority on August 24, 2008, but does not recommend implementing the fuel surcharge as set out in Table 1, above.

Public notice has been given in a manner prescribed in the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 162, Notice, Public.

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Appendix “A” - Taxicab Tariffs from the City of Toronto to Lester B. Pearson International Airport
- 2) Appendix “B” - Limousine Tariffs from the City of Toronto to Lester B. Pearson International Airport