

## Licensing and Standards Committee

<b>Meeting No.</b>	19	<b>Contact</b>	Dela Ting, Acting Administrator
<b>Meeting Date</b>	Friday, February 6, 2009	<b>Phone</b>	416-397-7769
<b>Start Time</b>	9:30 AM	<b>E-mail</b>	lsc@toronto.ca
<b>Location</b>	Committee Room 2, City Hall	<b>Chair</b>	Councillor Howard Moscoe

Licensing and Standards Committee		
Councillor Howard Moscoe (Chair)	Councillor Mike Feldman	Councillor Anthony Perruzza
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	Councillor Rob Ford	Councillor David Shiner

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**Speakers/Presentations: A complete list will be distributed at the meeting**

**Confirmation of Minutes: November 17, 2008 and January 9, 2009**

**Communications/Reports**

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.1) - no quorum**

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**Appointments to the Licensing and Standards Committee,  
January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010 Term**

**Origin**

(December 9, 2008) Letter from City Clerk

**Summary**

City Council appointed the following Members of Council to the Licensing and Standards Committee for a term of office starting January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010, and until their successors are appointed:

Councillor Howard Moscoe, Chair

Councillor Mike Feldman

Councillor Rob Ford

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

Councillor Anthony Perruzza, and

Councillor David Shiner

**Background Information**

Letter from City Clerk

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18307.pdf>

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.2) - no quorum**

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### **Election of Vice Chair**

#### **Summary**

Election of Vice Chair.

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.3) - no quorum**

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### **Taxicab Driver Recognition Event Proposal**

#### **Origin**

(December 15, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

#### **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Licensing and Standards Committee of the Taxicab Driver Recognition Day to be held in June 2009, and annually thereafter.

The taxicab industry and other stakeholders will be invited to participate on the planning committee to garner support from the industry for the event.

An Awards Sub-Committee will be formed to choose the award recipients from the candidates that are recommended by the City of Toronto and the industry.

The segments of the industry that are to be recognized will include:

- Standard Driver of the Year
- Ambassador Driver of the Year
- Accessible Driver of the Year
- Lifetime Achievement

#### **Background Information**

Staff Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18308.pdf>

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.4) - no quorum**

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## **Vehicle Branding and Continuous Registration of Vehicles in Ontario for Licensed Limousines**

*Public Notice*

### **Origin**

(December 15, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

### **Recommendations**

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

1. The City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, not be amended to require Toronto licensed limousines to be continuously registered in Ontario and be subject to the branding program administered by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

### **Summary**

To report on a proposal to amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing regarding continuous registration in Ontario and provincial vehicle branding for vehicles to be used as licensed limousines in the City of Toronto.

An amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code requiring Toronto licensed limousines to be continuously registered in Ontario should not be implemented due to the lack of availability of used Canadian vehicles and the added expense of approximately \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 for these vehicles. Further to this, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation branding program, which assigns "brand" types that indicate whether a vehicle has been severely damaged in the past, is already capturing any vehicles imported from other jurisdictions and currently no vehicle branded as irreparable or salvage can be registered for use in Ontario and therefore could not be licensed as a limousine in the City of Toronto.

### **Financial Impact**

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

### **Background Information**

Staff Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18309.pdf>

## Communications

(December 26, 2008) letter from Jim Bell, President, Toronto Taxicab Alliance (TTA) (LS.Main.LS19.4.1)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9862.pdf>

(January 6, 2009) letter from Peter Chapman, President, Taxi Owner Operators' Services Ltd. (TOOS Ltd.) (LS.Main.LS19.4.2)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9861.pdf>

(January 8, 2009) letter from Terry Danylevich, Toronto Livery Association (LS.Main.LS19.4.3)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9863.pdf>

(January 9, 2009) letter from Sajid Mughal, Premier Taxi Services Inc. (LS.Main.LS19.4.4)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9864.pdf>

(January 9, 2009) letter from Baljit Sikand, President, The Association of Toronto Cab Operators (LS.Main.LS19.4.5)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9865.pdf>

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.5) - no quorum**

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## Administrative Delegation to Establish and Select Members of Licensing Examining Panels

*Public Notice*

### Origin

(December 15, 2008) Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards

### Recommendations

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

1. delegate to the Executive Director of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division the authority to establish Examining Panels and select members, as required, in accordance with the relevant qualifications set out in the Toronto Municipal Code, §545-416 and §545-434;
2. amend the Toronto Municipal Code, §545, Licensing, to give effect to the above recommendation and to delete relevant provisions of Article XXXIII relating to the licensing of electrical contractors and master electricians; and amend and delete relevant provisions of Article XXXIV relating to the examining of master plumber examinations, as well as adding certain provisions regarding examinations of drain layers; and
3. authorize the City Solicitor to submit any necessary bills to give effect to the recommendations in this report.

### Summary

This report recommends that the Executive Director of the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division be delegated the authority to establish Examining Panels and select members as required in accordance with the Council-approved criteria to conduct and mark examinations for certain trade licences.

The term “Examining Panel” to be used instead of “Examining Board” to clarify that, this is an administrative body, which does not operate as a board. The Toronto Municipal Code, §545, Licensing, will need to be amended to reflect these changes and to delete certain sections relating to the licensing of electrical contractors and examining and licensing of master electricians. In November 2005, the provincial government passed a Bill to give province wide authority to the Electrical Safety Authority to licence these trades. This came into force on July 1st, 2006.

This report also recommends changes with respect to examinations of applicants for a master plumber and drain layer’s licence.

### Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### Background Information

Staff Report from Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18310.pdf>)

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.6) - no quorum**

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### Perimeter Fences Around Cemeteries

#### Origin

(November 18, 2008) Letter from Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17 - Davenport

#### Summary

Requesting City Staff to report back on the feasibility of a by-law that would specify what materials cemeteries in Toronto may erect perimeter fences out of, with an aim to properly buffer the cemetery from private residential properties and ensure the appropriate level of privacy and solemnity within the cemetery itself.

#### Background Information

Letter from Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17 - Davenport  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18311.pdf>)

**(Carried forward from January 9, 2009 - 2009.LS18.7) - no quorum**

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## **Safer Bars Program as Mandatory Municipal Licensing Requirement**

### **Origin**

(December 9, 2008) Letter from Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 14, Parkdale-High Park

### **Summary**

Requesting the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division to report further on the feasibility of including the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health Safer Bars training program as a mandatory element of municipal licensing requirements prior to issuing/renewing business licenses.

### **Background Information**

Letter from Councillor Gord Perks, Ward 26 - Don Valley West

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18312.pdf>

### **Communications**

(January 8, 2009) presentation from Kathryn Graham and John Purcell, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) (LS.Main.LS19.7.1)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9866.pdf>

(January 9, 2009) presentation from Rita Thomas, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) (LS.Main.LS19.7.2)

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9868.pdf>

(January 9, 2009) submission from Kathryn Graham, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) (LS.Main.LS19.7.3)

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## **Licensing of Paving Companies**

### **Origin**

(December 17, 2008) Letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 14 - Eglinton-Lawrence

### **Summary**

Requesting further consultation and direction to permit regulations for paved and widened driveways in the City of Toronto.

### **Background Information**

Letter from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 14 - Eglinton-Lawrence

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18313.pdf>

## Communications

(December 17, 2008) letter from Councillor Mike Del Grande, Ward 39

Scarborough-Agincourt (LS.Main.LS19.8.1)

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/comm/communicationfile-9869.pdf>)

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## Review of Fireworks By-law and Incidents in 2008

### Origin

(January 19, 2009) Report from Toronto Fire Services

### Recommendations

Toronto Fire Services recommends that:

1. The Fireworks By-law be amended by requiring the vendor to purchase and maintain a liability insurance policy or alternatively, the vendor must be shown as a named insured on the distributor's liability insurance policy.
2. The appropriate City staff be authorized and directed to implement the recommendations in this report.

### Summary

The new harmonized fireworks by-law has been in effect for one year. The by-law regulates the sale of fireworks by both permanent and temporary fireworks vendors, requiring them to obtain vendor permits. There were a total of 72 permits issued, with 11 permanent and 61 temporary permits in 2008. In addition, there were 30 fireworks incidents with an estimated loss of \$112,122.00. Fire Services will continue to monitor the number of incidents caused by fireworks. It is imperative that fireworks be used in a safe manner and regulated as stipulated in the Ontario Fire Code and Explosives Act.



## Financial Impact

The first year's experience resulting from Council's approval at its meeting of September 26 and 27, 2007 of new permit fees for the sale of fireworks is as follows:

Fireworks Permit Fee	Category	Total Permits Issued in 2008	Total Fees Collected in 2008	MLS Amount	Fire Amount
\$2,500.00	Permanent Fireworks Vendor	11	\$27,500.00	\$2,310.00	\$25,190.00
\$500.00	Temporary Fireworks Vendor (under 25 kg)	40	20,000.00	\$8,400.00	\$11,600.00
\$750.00	Temporary Fireworks Vendor (over 25 kg)	9	\$6,750.00	\$1,890.00	\$4,860.00
\$1,500.00	Temporary Lease Fireworks Vendor	7	\$10,500.00	\$1,470.00	\$9,030.00
\$1,500.00	Temporary Mobile Fireworks Vendor	5	\$7,500.00	\$1,050.00	\$6,450.00
<b>Total Fireworks Permits &amp; Fee Revenue in 2008</b>		<b>72</b>	<b>\$72,250.00</b>	<b>\$15,120.00</b>	<b>\$57,130.00</b>

The total amount collected from fireworks permit fees in 2008 was \$72,250.00 from 72 vendors. As indicated in Toronto Fire Services' previous report on the new proposed fireworks by-law, the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division recovers \$210.00 per permit against its costs of processing permit applications; the remaining portion of the fee covers Fire Services' inspections, other enforcement activity, and public education costs.

Fire's attributed costs in 2008 for enforcing the Fireworks By-law was covered by Fire's \$57,130.00 share of the permit revenue. Fire's costs are based on staff time for inspections of vendor premises, staff time at public education events and for investigations of non-permitted vendors. While the permit fees for the most part offset attributed staff costs, Council also approved that any additional revenue be allocated towards enhancing the fireworks educational program.

Based on the 2008 volume of permits, there are no implications for the 2009 Recommended Operating Budget. Enforcement of the Fireworks By-law during 2009 will continue to be achieved by temporary re-assignment of current Fire Prevention staff, at key times in the year, resulting in no additional budget pressure. If a trend develops in 2009 that indicates an increase in permit volume and inspection workload, then the 2010 Fire Services' Operating Budget will be adjusted for both costs and revenue.

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

## Background Information

Staff Report from Fire Chief, Toronto Fire Services

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-18530.pdf>