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**Re: Review of the City's Taxi By-law**

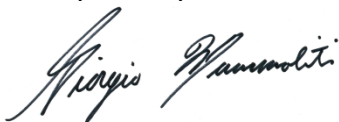
Dear Chair and Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee:

Prior to the recent Taxicab By-law amendments a plate owner could put a car that was up to 5 years old on the road as a taxi. This gave a plate owner the option to take their plate and put it on a different un-plated vehicle within the fleet that was up to 5 years old within 45 days and use as a taxi again. At some point when the By-law was changed new language was introduced without much fanfare that directs plate owners to only use cars that are 2 years old or less - and only if they comply with a "list" that ML&S staff will direct you to view on a website if you have any questions. Under the new By-law, if there isn't an available car within the fleet that meets the criteria on the "list" then a plate owner is forced to buy a new car. This also means that if they acquire a new car, the car they were using previously cannot be re-plated and used. As nobody who is looking to buy a used car will buy a car that was previously a taxi that leaves the plate owner with an unusable car that he cannot re-plate as a taxi or sell and it will likely end up in a junkyard.

**Recommendation:**

That the current amendment be reviewed at the next meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee and the By-law be restored to its original wording to include the 45 Day clause which allows plate owners more flexibility to use current vehicles and will leave less cars unusable.

Thank you for your consideration,



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