

City Council**Motion without Notice**

MM8.28	ACTION			Ward:All
--------	--------	--	--	----------

Review of Uber Operations, Technologies and Benefits and Impact on the Current Taxicab Industry - by Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Mayor John Tory

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Jim Karygiannis, seconded by Mayor John Tory, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to review the operations of Uber and technologies like it, including the interests of the public in the technologies and their impacts on the current taxicab industry, and report to the September 18, 2015 meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee, on the following matters:

- a. what by-law changes are necessary to bring new and emerging technologies into regulation as part of the City's for-hire ground transportation industry;
- b. how the City can ensure public safety and consumer protection are maintained;
- c. how the City can ensure a level playing field is established and maintained with respect to commercial insurance, driver training, equality of fares and other licensing issues; and
- d. ensure the recommended changes are reviewed at least every five years, or when deemed necessary before that time.

Summary

On July 3, 2015, Mr. Justice Sean Dunphy, of the Ontario Superior Court, denied an application by the City of Toronto for an injunction against Uber, saying there is no evidence the company is operating as a taxi broker.

This Motion directs the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards to report to the September 9, 2015 meeting of the Licensing and Standards Committee on these issues.

This Motion is urgent in order to address, as soon as possible, the issues raised by Mr. Justice Sean Dunphy, in his July 3, 2015 Ontario Superior Court ruling, by working to change the City

of Toronto's by-laws governing the taxi industry to provide a level playing field for all parties concerned.

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM8.28

(July 8, 2015) Fiscal Impact Statement from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-82127.pdf>