TORONTO Decision Letter

Licensing and Standards Committee

LS9.6 ACTION Without Recs Ward:7

Suspension of Taxi Licensing Renewal Fees

Committee Decision

The Licensing and Standards Committee submits this item to the Budget Committee without recommendation as the motion to adopt the item lost.

Decision Advice and Other Information

This item was considered with Items LS9.4, LS9.5, LS9.7 and LS9.9.

Origin

(January 21, 2016) Letter from Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti

Summary

The Executive Director of Licensing and Standards is currently reviewing Taxi Licensing Fees as part of her review of all Municipal Licensing Fees.

Licensing fees are based on a Cost Recovery Basis and it is my opinion that the Taxi Industry has long been overcharged and overpaying.

As you know, the Taxi Industry is in an unfair position of having to pay exorbitant costs while other services that provide the exact same service get a free ride, which puts the Legal Taxi Industry at risk.

This review is expected to be completed mid-2016 and I anticipate that licensing fees for Taxis will be reduced dramatically.

Background Information

(January 21, 2016) Letter from Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti on Suspension of Taxi Licensing Renewal Fees (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2016/ls/bgrd/backgroundfile-87292.pdf)