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COUNCIL DATE: **July 11, 2016**

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council** DATE: **June 28, 2016**

FROM: **Manager, Bylaw Enforcement and Licensing Services** FILE: **4320-60**
XC: **3900-20-13610**

SUBJECT: **Increase of Taxi Licenses**

RECOMMENDATION

The Bylaw Enforcement & Licensing Division recommends that Council:

1. adopt the amendments to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, 1999, No. 13610 which would authorize the one time increase of 7 taxicab licenses from 319 to 326 based on the approval of the licenses by the Passenger Transportation Board ("PTB");
2. approve an amendment to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, 1999, No. 13610, as documented in Appendix "I" of this report; and
3. authorize the City Clerk to bring forward the related Bylaw amendment as described in this report for the required readings and adoption.

INTENT

The intent of this report is to add 7 taxicab licenses to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire Bylaw.

DISCUSSION

In 1999, the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, 1999, No. 13610 was approved by Council. Since that time there has been a substantial increase in population in the City of Surrey. This created a demand for more taxicabs to service the public need. A consultation process was developed through meetings with the owners within the industry that resulted in an increase to the number of taxicab licenses approved since 1999.

Under the current Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, the number of vehicles which may be licensed by the City of Surrey for use as a Class "A" Taxicab is limited to 319, and may only be increased by an application to the PTB, provided that a Motor Carrier License is held by the applicant.

The PTB has approved 7 additional licenses for Newton Whalley Hi-Way Taxi operating in Surrey, and that company has requested an increase to their Class "A" taxicab licenses from the City of Surrey.

CONCLUSION

Based on the above discussion, the Bylaw Enforcement & Licensing Division recommends that Council:

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CITY OF SURREY
BYLAW NO. 18786

A bylaw to amend the provisions of "City of Surrey
Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No.13610" as amended
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The Council of the City of Surrey, enacts as follows:

1. "City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No. 13610" as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:
 - a) Part 2 - Licensing is amended in Section 6 "Number of Licenses" by deleting the number "319" and replacing it with the number "326".
2. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, 1999, No. 13610, Amendment Bylaw, 2016, No. 18786".

PASSED FIRST READING on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

PASSED SECOND READING on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

PASSED THIRD READING on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK