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COUNCIL DATE: March 6, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: Mayor & Council **DATE: February 15, 2017**

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. Receive this report as information;
2. Approve amendments to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No. 13610, to reflect the recent reconciliation of previous Council and the Passenger Transportation Board ("PTB") approval, as well as authorize the one time increase of 22 taxicab licenses from 366 to 388, 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 reflect the previous approval by Council and the PTB on the number of taxicab licenses to 366; and furthermore, request Council to approve the addition of 22 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 in the City of Surrey for use as a Class "A" Taxicab may only be increased by an application to Council from the taxi industry, which would also need to be within the guidelines of the PTB. A recent review conducted by both city staff and the PTB found a discrepancy in the total number of taxicab licenses previously reported to Council. Reconciliation further confirmed that to date, Council and the PTB have approved the issuance of 366 taxicab licenses.

Kuber Taxi Ltd has applied for and been approved by the PTB for an additional 22 licenses, which would bring the total number to 388.

CONCLUSION

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

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- Authorize the City Clerk to bring forward the related Bylaw amendment as described in this report for the required readings and adoption.

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Appendix "I": Proposed Amendment to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No. 13610

CITY OF SURREY

BYLAW NO. 19161

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 "326" and replacing it with the number "388".
2. This Bylaw shall be cited for all purposes as the "City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, 1999, No. 13610, Amendment Bylaw, 2017, No. 19161.

PASSED FIRST READING on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED SECOND READING on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

PASSED THIRD READING on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED, signed by the Mayor and Clerk, and sealed with the Corporate Seal on the ____ day of _____, 2017.

_____ MAYOR

_____ CLERK