

NO: R230

COUNCIL DATE: November 20, 2017

REGULAR COUNCIL

TO: **Mayor & Council**

DATE: **November 15, 2017**

FROM: **Manager, Public Safety Operations**

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 an amendment to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No. 13610, to authorize the one time increase of 11 taxicab licenses from 403 to 414, 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 request that Council approve the addition of 11 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 which resulted in an ongoing review/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 Passenger Transportation Board (PTB). The applicant (Taxi Company) would first submit their request to the PTB, and if approved, the request would then be heard before Council.

As of October 26, 2017, Newton Whalley Hi-Way Taxi Ltd. has applied for and been approved by the PTB for an additional 7 licenses. In addition, as of June 28, 2017, Guildford Cab (1993) Ltd. has

also applied for and been approved for an additional 4 licenses, which would bring the total number of Class "A" taxicab licenses in the City of Surrey to 414.

SUSTAINABILITY CONSIDERATIONS

Approving the addition of 11 taxicab licenses will support the Corporate Operations theme in the Sustainability Charter 2.0. - EC16: "Increased Transit and Transportation to Support a Sustainable Economy."

CONCLUSION

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

- Approve an amendment to the City of Surrey Vehicle for Hire By-law, 1999, No. 13610, to authorize the one time increase of 11 taxicab licenses from 403 to 414, as documented in Appendix "I" of this report; and
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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. 19451

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 "403" and replacing it with the number "414".
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. 19451".

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