



Present: Councillor McLean
 Mohammad Altaf
 Sam Bhardwaj – Durham Rapid Taxi
 Glen Johnstone
 Surrinder Kumar
 Ian Louden
 Mohammad Sultan
 Carlton McKenzie
 Margaret Woods

Also Present: Kim Thompson, Manager, By-law Enforcement Services
 Lisa Broad, Recording Secretary

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1.0	Welcome & Introductions	
	<p>Kim Thompson, Manager, By-law Enforcement Services, welcomed everyone to the hearing. She informed the Committee the purpose of the meeting was to conduct an appeal hearing regarding the applicant, Michael Roper.</p>	
2.0	Appeal Hearing – Michael Roper	
	<p>The meeting moved In Camera in accordance with the provisions of Procedural By-law 6746/07, as the matter related to personal information about an individual.</p> <p>Refer to the In Camera minutes dated July 16, 2008. The City Clerk has custody and control of the In Camera minutes.</p> <p>Further to confidential deliberations, the Committee hereby recommends the following:</p> <p>That Mr. Roper be issued a standard City of Pickering taxi license.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CARRIED</p>	

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3.0	<p>Taxicab Fares</p> <p>Kim Thompson advised the Committee that the City has been researching other area municipal fares due to the increase in gas prices.</p> <p>Whitby has recently increased their rate, as has Ajax. Oshawa has yet to increase their rates.</p> <p>Kim noted that MLEO, Kevin Narraway conducted some research and discovered that in November 2005, the City of Pickering increased their taxi fares due to Hurricane Katrina, and once the gas prices decreased, the fares were not reduced accordingly. However, the gas prices now are not likely to drop again, and projections are determining that they will, in fact, continue to rise.</p> <p>Committee members suggested a drop price increase from \$2.75 to \$3.50. An increase to \$2.00 per kilometer rate from \$1.80 was agreed upon.</p> <p>Ian Louden suggested that a drop increase of that proportion could negatively impact some customers, and that an increase of this size will also affect business.</p> <p>An increase to the drop rate to \$3.15 was discussed, as this represents a 15% increase. A \$3.50 drop rate is almost a 30% increase.</p> <p>The Committee then voted on a drop rate. Votes were divided, and no consensus was agreed upon.</p> <p>Kim Thompson to draft a report to go to Council in late September, outlining the options for Council to choose from.</p>	<p>Kim to action</p>

Meeting Adjourned: 12:20 pm
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