

A G E N D A

WINDSOR LICENSING COMMISSION

For a meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2021
at 9:30 o'clock a.m.
via Zoom video conference

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Minutes**
Adoption of the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission held March 17, 2021 – ***attached***.
3. **Disclosure of Interest**
4. **Requests for Deferrals, Referrals or Withdrawals**
5. **Communications**
None.
6. **Licence Transfers**
None.
7. **Applications/Hearings**
 - (a) **Ali Gharib** **Taxicab Drivers' Waiting List**
8. **Reports & Administrative Matters**
 - (a) **Expired Application(s) for Business Licence**
The report of the Supervisor of Licensing dated April 1, 2021 entitled "Expired Application(s) for Business Licence" is ***attached***.
9. **Date of Next Meeting**
10. **Adjournment**

Windsor Licensing Commission

Meeting held March 17, 2021

A meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.m. via Zoom video conference, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Fabio Costante
Councillor Gary Kaschak
Jayme Lesperance

Regrets received from:

Harpreet Virk

Guests in attendance:

Walter Bezzina, General Manager Vets Cab Company
Zeina Zataar, Applicant for Item 7(a)

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Gary Cian, Deputy Licence Commissioner & Senior Manager of Policy, Gaming, Licensing & By-law Enforcement
Craig Robertson, Supervisor of Licensing/Deputy Licence Commissioner
Bill Tetler, Manager of By-law Enforcement
Michael Coste, Fire Prevention Officer
Janna Tetler, Senior Licensing Issuer
Amanda Alchin, Clerk's Office
Katie Satri, Student Intern, Clerk's Office
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:32 o'clock a.m. and the Windsor Licensing Commission considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Kaschak, seconded by J. Lesperance,
That the minutes of the Windsor Licensing Commission of its meeting held February 26, 2020 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

3. Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

4. Requests for Deferrals, Referrals of Withdrawals

None.

5. Communications

None.

6. Licence Transfers

None.

7. Applications/Hearings

(a) Request to Extend Estate Trustee as Plate Holder for Taxicab Plate #16

Walter Bezzina, General Manager Vet's Cab Company speaks on behalf of Zeina Zataar, Trustee for the Estate of the late Toni Hanna Zaatar. He indicates that the applicant is requesting an eighteen month extension to transfer the plate to allow for the taxi industry to recover.

C. Robertson provides an overview of this matter as follows:

- On January 11, 2019, the Licensing Division was notified from *Vets Cab* Administration of the death of Mr. Toni Hanna Zaatar, plate holder of Taxicab Plate #16, on January 10, 2019.
- On March 15, 2019, the Licensing Division was notified of Ms. Zeina Zaatar's intentions to transfer Taxicab Plate #16.
- A *Certificate of Appointment of Estate Trustee Without a Will* was issued by the Ontario Supreme Court of Justice on April 4, 2019 naming Ms. Zaatar estate trustee which in accordance to the City's regulations permitted Ms. Zaatar to hold Taxicab Plate #16 and the associated plate holder licence for no more than two (2) years from the date of Mr. Zaatar's passing.
- On November 19, 2020, a registered letter was sent by the Supervisor of Licensing/Deputy Licence Commissioner to Ms. Zaatar as the two year deadline to transfer Taxicab Plate #16 being January 10, 2021 had yet to be followed through.

- On December 14, 2020, the Licensing Division received a letter from Ms. Zaatar requesting an extension to transfer City of Windsor Taxicab Plate #16 as she had encountered difficulty in finding a prospective plate holder. She indicated that the mechanical fitness of the taxicab and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic were the main challenges that she encountered.
- Ms. Zaatar is requesting that the Windsor Licensing Commission approve an extension to transfer Taxicab Plate #16 of eighteen (18) months rather than the twelve (12) months as outlined under the by-law. She indicated that she was hopeful that the additional six (6) months would provide additional time for the taxi industry to recover making the plate transfer possible.
- Administration advises that the extension requested by Ms. Zaatar exceeds the permissible allowance under the bylaw by six (6) months. If this is approved by the Windsor Licensing Commission, City Council approval will be required.

In response to a question asked by Councillor Kaschak regarding if an eighteen month extension is the maximum allowance, C. Robertson responds that no further extension would be permitted, however a hearing could be held.

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
WLC 1/2021 That the Windsor Licensing Commission **RECOMMENDS** to City Council that the request to permit Ms. Zeina Zaatar, Estate Trustee to hold City of Windsor Taxicab Plate #16 and any associated licenses **BE APPROVED** until July 10, 2022 and further, that Taxicab Plate #16 **BE REVOKED** and **RETURNED** to the Licence Commissioner should the taxicab plate not be transferred on or before July 10, 2022.

Carried.

8. Reports & Administrative Matters

(a) Expired Application(s) for Business Licence

Moved by Councillor Costante, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
That the report of the Supervisor of Licensing dated February 11, 2021 entitled "Expired Application(s) for Business Licence" **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

9. Confirm & Ratify E-mail Polls

Plate #9

Moved by J. Lesperance, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

WLC 2/2021 THAT the transfer of Taxicab Plate #9 from Mr. Mohammad Waddah Kashash to Mr. Yahya Sheiknur **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- i. Mr. Sheiknur be given thirty (30) days from the date of this approval to submit a vehicle for inspection that complies with Schedule 5 to By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018), including a valid safety standards certificate.
- ii. Mr. Sheiknur must submit a Plate Holder application and pay the applicable fee.
- iii. Mr. Sheiknur shall provide verification that full compensation has been made to Mr. Kashash in consideration of the transfer of taxicab plate #9.

Mr. Sheiknur shall not lease the plate for a one year period as stated in Schedule 5, Section 21.3 of Licensing By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018).
Carried.

Plate #98

Moved by J. Lesperance, seconded by Councillor Costante,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

WLC 3/2021 THAT the transfer of Taxicab Plate #98 from Mr. Bruce Clark to Mr. Besnik Saliu **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

Mr. Saliu be given thirty (30) days from the date of this approval to:

- i. submit a vehicle for inspection that complies with Schedule 5 to By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018), including a valid safety standards certificate.
- ii. submit a Plate Holder application and pay the applicable fee.
- iii. provide verification that full compensation has been made to Mr. Clark in consideration of the transfer of taxicab plate #98.
- iv. Mr. Saliu shall not lease the plate for a one-year period as stated in Schedule 5, Section 21.3 of Licensing By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018).

And further, **THAT** failure to comply with any of the above conditions, taxicab plate #98 **BE RETURNED** to Mr. Bruce Clark.
Carried.

Plate #162

Moved by J. Lesperance, seconded by Councillor Kaschak,
That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

WLC 4/2021 THAT the transfer of Taxicab Plate #162 from 1352063 Ontario Inc. to Mr. Ayman Nour **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- i. Mr. Nour be given thirty (30) days from the date of this approval to submit a vehicle for inspection that complies with Schedule 5 to By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018), including a valid safety standards certificate.
- ii. Mr. Nour must submit a Plate Holder application and pay the applicable fee.
- iii. Mr. Nour shall provide verification that full compensation has been made to 1352063 Ontario Inc. in consideration of the transfer of taxicab plate #162.
Mr. Nour shall not lease the plate for a one year period as stated in Schedule 5, Section 21.3 of Licensing By-law 137-2007 (amended by By-law 150-2018).
Carried.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 9:51 o'clock a.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY