

WINDSOR LICENSING COMMISSION

Meeting held June 2, 2026

A meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission is this this day commencing at 2:30 o'clock p.m. in Room 140, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair
Councillor Renaldo Agostino
Councillor Angelo Marignani
Marc Dubois
Sam Sinjari

Guests in attendance:

Jay Abdolrahmanpour, Owner of Canadian Checker Cab
Bill Oag, Vets Cab Administrator

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Steve Vlachodimos, City Clerk and Licence Commissioner
Craig Robertson, Manager Licensing & Enforcement & Deputy Licence Commissioner
Nicole Brush, Supervisor of By-law Enforcement
Rory Sturdy, Supervisor of By-law Enforcement
Marianne Sladic, Senior Licence Issuer
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Councillor Ed Sleiman, Chair calls the meeting to order at 2:30 o'clock p.m. and the Windsor Licensing Commission considers the Agenda being Schedule A, attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Sam Sinjari,

That the minutes of the meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission held April 23, 2026, **BE ADOPTED** as presented.

Carried.

4. Requests for Deferrals, Referrals or Withdrawals

None.

5. Communications

None.

6. Licence Transfers

None.

7. Applications/Hearings

7(a) Approve Application with Conditions – Livery Vehicle, Class C (Executive)

Craig Robertson, Deputy Licence Commissioner reports that Eric Ceejay Williams, Applicant, Gateway Express Shuttle is supportive of the recommendation, and is not present for the hearing.

Craig Robertson, Deputy Licence Commissioner advises that the application for a Livery Vehicle, Class C (Executive) licence was submitted on April 7, 2026. Administration reviewed the application and was satisfied with the requirements; however, it is being recommended to approve the application with conditions in order to acquire the remaining items and to proceed with the issuance of the licence.

Moved by Marc Dubois, seconded by Sam Sinjari,

THAT the livery vehicle plate holder application, submitted by Eric Ceejay Williams, o/a Gateway Express Shuttle, located at 823 Francois Court, Windsor ON N8Y 3W5, to operate one (1) Class 'C' Livery Vehicle, namely a 2026 Toyota Sienna XLE HEV, **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- Eric Ceejay Williams be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit a valid business name registration to operate as "*Gateway Express Shuttle*";

- Eric Ceejay Williams be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit a rate schedule that is in accordance to Public Vehicle Licensing By-law No. 137-2007 as amended;
- Eric Ceejay Williams be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit a vehicle safety standards certificate not more than thirty (30) days old for the proposed vehicle being a 2026 Toyota Sienna XLE HEV;
- Eric Ceejay Williams be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit valid insurance for the proposed vehicle being a 2026 Toyota Sienna XLE HEV; Eric Ceejay Williams be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit the vehicle to and pass an inspection by the By-Law Enforcement Division.

Carried.

8. Reports & Administrative Matters

8(a) Windsor Licensing Report 2026 Age Limit Fee Reduction and one year age exemption for replacement vehicles

Craig Robertson, Deputy Licence Commissioners introduces guests Jay Abdolrahmanpour, Owner of Canadian Checker Cab and Bill Oag, Vets Cab Administrator. Mr Abdolrahmanpour expresses concern that an accessible taxi costs approximately \$100,000. He adds he operates 8 accessible taxicabs.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino asks Administration if licence fees differ from accessible taxicabs and traditional taxis. Craig Robertson remarks that the fees do not differentiate between a wheelchair accessible taxicab and a traditional taxicab.

In response to a question asked by Sam Sinjari regarding if a specific vehicle can “be grandfathered in” if the vehicle is in good shape, Craig Robertson responds Administration is not recommending “grandfathering” and reiterated the recommendation from Administration.

Marc Dubois remarks that the vehicles undergo regular inspections irrespective of the age and asks would those inspections alone certify that the vehicle is safe. Craig Robertson explains it would be safe at the time of the inspection and is more of a due diligence to ensure that the vehicle is being vetted through some type of inspection process. He indicates that in August, they require that these vehicles must submit their safety certificate along with all of the other safety requirements.

The Chair asks what the age requirements in other municipalities are and what is the rate. Craig Robertson advises that when they undertook their analysis, the City of Windsor had one of the most lenient age requirements and adds the licence fees are very comparable if not lower than our counterparts. He states that Windsor’s licence fees had not been raised in over 20 years.

Councillor Angelo Marignani questions if they were to proceed with another year extension, what would the risks be. Craig Robertson responds if they proceed with extending the vehicles, there is some risk associated with the wear and tear on the vehicles which is why municipalities have an 8-year standard for taxicabs.

In response to a question asked by Sam Sinjari regarding if they proceed with another year extension, can they still charge the one-year fee. Craig Robertson responds that they would pay their \$520.00 renewal fee and would not have to pay the replacement fee of \$95.00.

Councillor Renaldo Agostino recommends proceeding with the recommendation presented by Administration and suggests that the renewal fee of \$520.00 should be reduced to \$25.00. He remarks that these accessible amenities serve a very niche amount of people that desperately need this.

Craig Robertson advises that the Windsor Licensing Commission is the governing body for making decisions and hearing municipal licensing matters.

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Councillor Angelo

THAT the Windsor Licensing Commission recommends that City Council **RECEIVE** the report of the Deputy Licence Commissioner *entitled "Response to Increased Age Limits and Reduced Licence Fees for Wheelchair Accessible Taxicab, and a One-Year Extension for all Taxicab Vehicle Replacements"* and,

THAT the age limit for wheelchair accessible taxicabs is to remain the same at twelve (12) model years old; and,

THAT the plate holder licence renewal for wheelchair accessible taxicabs **BE REDUCED** from \$520.00 to \$25.00 for the 2026 licencing period; and further,

THAT City Council **APPROVE** a one (1) year replacement extension for all taxicabs and wheelchair accessible taxicabs that are due at the 2026 licence renewal period.

Carried.

8(b) Expired Business Licence Application(s)

Moved by Marc Dubois, seconded by Councillor Angelo Marignani,

That the report of the Deputy Licence Commissioner dated June 2, 2026, entitled "Expired Business Licence Application(s) **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting date to be determined.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 3:04 o'clock p.m.