

Windsor Licensing Commission

Meeting held December 5, 2024

A meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission is held this day commencing at 9:30 o'clock a.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
Harbinder Gill
Sam Sinjari

Delegations in attendance:

Mohammad Khan and Ajim Tash regarding Item 6(a)
Walter Bezzina, General Manager, Vets Cab Company, regarding Item 6(a)

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Craig Robertson, Manager, Licensing & Enforcement, Deputy Licence Commissioner
Rory Sturdy, Supervisor of By-law Enforcement
Gabrielle Fillion, By-law Enforcement Officer
Sandy Hansen, Senior Licence Issuer
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair introduces and welcomes Sam Sinjari as a new member of the Windsor Licensing Commission.

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 9:40 o'clock a.m. and the Windsor Licensing Commission considers the Agenda being Schedule A, attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Craig Robertson provides a brief overview of the Windsor Licensing Commission as follows:

- The City of Windsor issues business licences as well as public vehicle licences. Individuals that are applying for one of these licences have certain criteria that they must meet for the Commission to issue that licence.

- Once the licence is issued, there are certain regulations and standards that must be upheld.
- There may be conditions placed on business licences up to and leading to suspension or revocation.
- The authority of the Licensing Commissioner is to ensure that applications are submitted and that all requirements are met and if they need to take it the next level, the Licence Commissioner will make a recommendation to the Commission. The Windsor Licensing Commission is the body that hears the applications and holds these hearings and has full authority to make decisions that are recommended by Administration.
- The decisions made by the Commission are final.

2. Disclosure of Interest

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, That the minutes of the meeting held August 28, 2024 **BE ADOPTED** as presented. Carried.

4. Request for Deferrals, Referrals or Withdrawals

None.

5. Communications

None.

6. Licence Transfers

- 6(a)** Mohammed Khan, (family member) for Transferor and Ajim Tash, Transferee appear before the Windsor Licensing Commission on behalf of The Estate of the late Saleem Raza regarding the transfer of Plate #133.

Walter Bezzina, General Manager, Vets Cab Company is also present.

Ajim Tash agrees with the requirements outlined in the recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Harbinder Gill,

That the transfer of Taxicab Plate #133 from The Estate of the late Saleem Raza to Ajim Tash **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- i. Ajim Tash be given thirty (30) days from the date of the approval to submit a vehicle for inspection that complies with Schedule 5 to By-Law 137 as amended, including a valid safety standards certificate.
 - ii. Ajim Tash be given thirty (30) days from the date of the approval to submit a Taxicab Plate Holder application and pay the associated fee.
 - iii. Ajim Tash be given thirty (30) days from the date of the approval to provide verification that full compensation has been made to Rubina Amjad in consideration of the transfer of Taxicab plate #133.
 - iv. Ajim Tash shall not lease Taxicab plate #133 for a one-year period as stated in Schedule 5, Section 21.3 of Licensing By-Law 137-2007 as amended.
- Carried.

7. Applications/Hearings

(a) Tremor Entertainment Inc. o/a Rally Sport Collective

Craig Robertson advises that Garrett Seifarth, Tremor Entertainment Inc. o/a Rally Sport Collective is not present.

Craig Robertson advises this is a new livery business that includes higher standard vehicles with prearranged contract trips. There are different categories which include limousines and vans and in this case is a Class "C" Executive vehicle. He adds that the By-law does limit the number of vehicles to 15, and currently there are five (5) Class "C" vehicles. He recommends the approval of the application and requests that the owner provide valid insurance for this vehicle (which has not been provided) and requests that the By-law Enforcement Team inspect the vehicle and ensure it is up to standards.

Councillor Angelo Marignani asks if Class "C" or Class "D" vehicles can be used as a shuttle service in an international border crossing. Craig Robertson responds that any vehicle that holds more than 7 passengers is governed under the Province of Ontario.

Sam Sinjari asks if the history of the vehicle is checked by Carfax to ensure they were not salvaged or had been in a major accident. Craig Robertson responds that they do not check the history as his staff are not mechanics, however, they do require two annual Ontario Safety Standard Certificates and twice a year the vehicle goes through a mechanical fitness report. If there are complaints regarding a vehicle, the Licence Commissioner has the authority to ask for a new Ontario Safety Standard Certificate or that repairs be made and if repairs are not made, the vehicle can be pulled out of service. There are also periodic blitzes that are held with the Ministry of Transportation where they will haul in the cabs to look at them.

Harbinder Gill concurs with Mr. Sinjari and suggests a provision in the wording to say any vehicle that has a salvage title or rebuilt title should not be considered for

licensing. Craig Robertson responds that a recommendation to amend the bylaw could be considered by Council. He states that he will provide a verbal report for the next meeting of the Windsor Licensing Commission.

The Chair also requests that Administration report back at the next meeting regarding the dress code of cab drivers.

Moved by Councillor Angelo Marignani, seconded by Harbinder Gill,

That the livery vehicle plate holder application, submitted by Garrett Seifarth on behalf of Tremor Entertainment Inc. o/a Rally Sport Collective, 420 Kildare Street, Windsor, Ontario, N8Y 3G4, to operate one (1) Class "C" – Livery Vehicle, namely a 2023 Cadillac Escalade, **BE APPROVED** with the following conditions:

- Garrett Seifarth be given sixty (60) days from the date of this decision to submit a certificate of insurance that is satisfactory to Section 9.1 of Schedule 3 to By-law 137 as amended,
- The vehicle must submit to and pass an inspection by the By-law Enforcement Unit.

Carried.

8. Reports & Administrative Matters

(a) Expired Application(s) for Business Licence

Moved by Councillor Renaldo Agostino, seconded by Sam Sinjari,

That the report of the Deputy Licence Commissioner dated November 12, 2024 entitled "Expired Application(s) for Business Licence" **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried.

9. In Camera

No In Camera session is held.

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 10:15 o'clock a.m.