

## Notice of Motion – Accessible Service Taxi Contracts

Meeting Date: May 27, 2015

Submitted on May 4, 2015 by: Commissioner A. Heisey, Q.C.

Seconded by: Commissioner N. Di Donato  
Commissioner A. Virmani

Whereas the accessible taxi contract RFP was issued by the TTC on October 8, 2013 after consultation with the taxi industry; and

Whereas a Fairness Commissioner was retained to oversee the entire procurement process; and

Whereas on January 28, 2014, the Board authorized the award of contracts to 4 service providers (“Accessible Taxi Contracts”) based on the pricing as submitted pursuant to the bidding process.

Whereas the awarded contracts required HST to be included in the per kilometer rate and minimum driver rate; and

Whereas the successful companies (4 in total) submitted bids on the basis of the Bid Documents which provided that HST was to be included in the per kilometer rate (and minimum driver rate); and

Whereas the start date for the new contracts was July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014; and

Whereas immediately after the start date some of the contracted companies could not provide the required number of vehicles because of a refusal by some drivers to provide the service based on the fees paid to the drivers; and

Whereas the TTC incurred additional costs in order to meet service levels as a result of the job action; and

Whereas the service providers have, to date, not reimbursed the TTC for the additional costs it incurred despite TTC staff’s request for such reimbursement; and

Whereas on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 the Accessible Transportation Association of Ontario (ATAO) on behalf of the 4 contracted companies requested TTC staff to meet with the appropriate stakeholders to find a solution to the job action; and

Whereas TTC staff brought a report to the Board on August 19, 2014 in response to the ATAO letter of July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. The Board Report did not include any recommendations to increase the rate paid to the contracted companies; and

Whereas the TTC Board adopted a motion moved at the August 19, 2014 meeting agreeing to increase the 4 service provider contracts to add HST (13%) to the minimum driver rate; and

Whereas the Board's decision has resulted in an approximate \$8,672,400.00 increase cost to the TTC over the term of the contracts, which for comparison purposes, is equivalent to the purchase cost of 16 new standard 40-foot buses; and

Whereas 3 of the citizen members were absent during the vote and the 4<sup>th</sup> member voted against the motion.

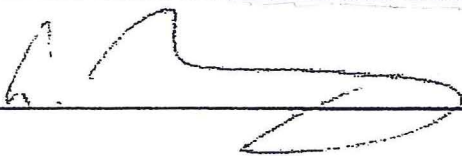
Be it resolved that we the undersigned citizen members of the TTC Board appointed by Toronto City Council on October 30, 2012 recommend that the Board:

1. Request the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on whether the TTC can legally amend the Accessible Taxi Contracts to ensure that the per kilometer rate (including the minimum driver rate) paid to each company is not higher than the rate(s) included in the original contract award for each service provider (pre-August 2014) and without the increase approved at the August 19, 2014 Board meeting.

Signed:

Commissioner A. Heisey, Q.C:


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Commissioner N. Di Donato:

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Commissioner A. Virmani: *(attached email)*

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## Lee, Kevin

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**From:** Anju Virmani <anju@cargojet.com>  
**Sent:** April-28-15 10:01 AM  
**To:** Lee, Kevin  
**Cc:** Heisey, Alan; Rodo, Vincent; McDonald, Dawn  
**Subject:** Re: Notice of Motion - Taxi Contracts  
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Kevin,  
Thank you for reaching out. I do support this notice of motion.  
Regards,  
Anju

Sent from my iPhone