

STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: March 28, 2022

Title: Taxi Rate Increases March 2022

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Recommendation:

THAT Council adopt By-law 2022-21, a by-law to amend Schedule A of Chapter 240 – Taxicabs of the City of Dryden Municipal Code, to allow for an increase to the rates charged by taxi operators in the City of Dryden.

Background:

Under the authority of the Municipal Act, Council may pass a by-law licensing, regulating and governing the owners and drivers of taxicabs and may establish the rates or fares to be charged for the conveyance of property of passengers either wholly within the municipality or from any point in the municipality to any point outside of the municipality.

Discussion:

Under Chapter 240 – Taxicabs of the City of Dryden Municipal Code, the City provides for the licensing, regulating and governing of taxicabs including the establishment of rates.

Rates have increased over the years based on requests from the taxicab owners reflective of current market trends. In accordance with the Municipal Code, no person licensed under Chapter 240 shall use any other rate or charge than those authorized by the Chapter. The last rate increase took place in June of 2018.

Following a few weeks of discussion, on March 23, 2022 the City Clerk received a written request for a rate change from both George's Taxi and Cabbie's Taxi in light of the current economic factors as outlined in their letter.

Staff are recommending Council adopt an amendment to Schedule A of Chapter 240 to increase the rates as requested by the taxicab owners:

Items	Current Rates	Proposed Rates
For the 1 st 1/10 of a km or part thereof actual passenger transportation travelled	\$5.25	\$6.25
For each additional 1/10km or part thereof of actual passenger transportation travelled	\$0.26	\$.030
Waiting time	\$.55 for each minute or portion thereof of waiting time requested by the passenger after the first three (3) minutes of waiting time	\$1.00 for each minute or portion thereof of waiting time requested by the passenger after the first three (3) minutes of waiting time

Financial Implications:

The proposed rate increases impact the customers only.

Attachments (Reference Material):

March 22, 2022 Letter from George's Taxi and Cabbie's Taxi Chapter 240 and amending By-law 4549-2018