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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

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TO: Vancouver City Council

FROM: Chief Licence Inspector

SUBJECT: Health By-law No. 9535 & Vehicles for Hire By-law No. 6066: Smoking Regulations

RECOMMENDATION

- A. THAT Council, approve amendments to section 2.5 of the Health By-law to adopt new minimum size of signs in vehicles for hire as outlined in this report
- B. THAT Council, approve the revocation of section 23 (11) (e) of the Vehicles for Hire By-law as outlined in this report
- C. THAT Council, request the Director of Legal Services to prepare the necessary amendment to the Health By-law and Vehicles for Hire By-law generally in accordance with this report

COUNCIL POLICY

On October 2, 2007, Council adopted changes to the Health By-law which updated the ban on smoking provisions.

PURPOSE

This report proposes minor changes to the Health By-law to update the regulations related to signs in vehicles for hire, and to the Vehicles for Hire By-law to delete a redundant smoking section.

DISCUSSION

Health By-law

Recent changes to the smoking sections of the Health By-law established a minimum size for no smoking signage. This standard size of 30 cm by 15 cm is the same for places of business and for vehicles for hire. This size is not practiced for vehicles such as taxicabs that have existing tariff signage and provincial signage and now also require no smoking signage.

It is proposed that a new minimum size of 9 cm by 11 cm be adopted for vehicles for hire which would be consistent with existing signage.

Vehicles for Hire By-law

The current provision in section 23 (11)(e) of the Vehicles for Hire By-law contains a clause that "Every person in charge of any taxicab shall refrain from smoking at the request of any passenger".

In light of the prohibition on smoking in vehicles for hire now in the Health By-law, this section is now redundant and should be removed from the by-law.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications.

CONCLUSION

This report proposes minor changes to the smoking regulations to delete a redundant section in the Vehicles for Hire By-law and to address the minimum size of no smoking signs for vehicles for hire in the Health By-law.

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