

MOTION

7. Possible Amendments to By-law 6066 to Allow for Safe and Licensed Ride Sharing in Vancouver

At the Regular Council meeting on December 4, 2018, Vancouver City Council referred the following Motion to the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on December 5, 2018, in order to hear from speakers.

SUBMITTED BY: Councillor De Genova

WHEREAS

1. Vancouver is currently the largest city in North America that does not offer ride-sharing (ride-hailing) services like Uber or Lyft;
2. MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers) Canada and Barwatch are among several associations and organizations that are calling for ride-share in the city of Vancouver;
3. "Ride Sharing Now For BC" represents more than 30 local organizations calling for ride-sharing in British Columbia including Able BC, Barwatch, BC Chamber of Commerce, BC Epilepsy Society, BC Restaurants and Food Services Association, BC Tech Association, Business Council of British Columbia, Canadian National Institute for the Blind, Downtown Vancouver Business Improvement Association, Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, Harbour Air, Hospitality Vancouver Association, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) , Restaurants Canada, Vancouver Economic Commission, Vancouver Pride Society, Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada;
4. The February 2018 report on Transportation Network Companies from The Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia cites the measures other cities and provinces have taken in consideration of safety and insurance when implementing ride sharing and ride hailing services;
5. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC), requires all drivers to purchase Basic Autoplan insurance coverage, while additional insurance may be purchased from private insurance providers;
6. Tourists and travelers are unable to use the same app based ride-sharing services in Vancouver as they can in across Canada and 600 other cities around the world;
7. The Entertainment District located in the city of Vancouver is unique to the region, and stakeholders have often voiced issues with late night transportation that is beyond what licensed taxis for hire can accommodate.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT the Mayor write a letter on behalf of Council to the Premier of BC, the Minister of Transportation, and Attorney General and Minister Responsible for ICBC:
 - i) Affirming support for ride-sharing to be introduced alongside taxi cabs in the city of Vancouver in an equitable manner; and
 - ii) Calling for per kilometer ridesharing and taxi insurance products to be made available to companies by April 2019 in line with other changes the province is making to ICBC announced on November 9, 2018.

- B. THAT staff report back to Council with analysis and options for ride-sharing and ride-hailing so that Council can provide direction to staff. Subsequently, staff report back with proposed by-law changes to allow for ride-sharing and ride-hailing and include information addressing:
 - i) The ability of the City of Vancouver to amend or create by-laws to promote the inclusion and operation of companies offering on-demand ride-sharing and ride-hailing services; and
 - ii) The impact removing municipal boundaries for taxis, including accessible taxis, may have on serving the public and especially persons with disabilities in the city of Vancouver.

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