

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

4. Accessibility Funding and Guarantees for Passenger Directed Vehicles in BC

Submitted by: Councillor Fry and Councillor Wiebe

WHEREAS

1. Passenger Directed Vehicles (PDV) refer to all vehicles for hire including taxis and ride-hailing, and Transportation Network Services (TNS) are app-based ride hailing services; and
2. Bill 55, the BC Passenger Transportation Amendment Act which took effect September 16, 2019, imposes a \$0.30 fee for each non-accessible vehicle trip but does not otherwise mandate minimum number of accessible vehicles, nor how the non-accessible vehicle trip fee will be utilized.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following two motions (as attached in Appendix A and Appendix B), be separately forwarded by the City of Vancouver for consideration by the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) at its May 6 to 8, 2020, Annual Conference and by the Union of B.C. Municipalities at its September 21 to 25, 2020, Convention.

RESOLUTION

**ACCESSIBILITY GUARANTEE FOR PASSENGER
DIRECTED VEHICLES**

City of Vancouver

WHEREAS Bill 55, the BC Passenger Transportation Amendment Act which took effect September 16, 2019, imposes a \$0.30 fee for each non-accessible vehicle trip but otherwise does not oblige Passenger Directed Vehicles to a timeline or otherwise mandate a percentage of all fleet vehicles be accessible;

AND WHEREAS According to statistics from the Passenger Transportation Board, about 14 per cent of taxis in the province and about 19 per cent in Metro Vancouver are accessible and Transportation Network Services (app-based ride hailing services) in other jurisdictions have demonstrated an ability to provide accessible vehicles as part of their fleet and business model:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government design and implement a Wheelchair Accessibility Guarantee for all Passenger Directed Vehicle fleets that support a minimum percent of all fleets are guaranteed to be wheelchair accessible, sufficient to ensure that transportation options for persons with disabilities are equal to those provided to non-disabled persons in all Passenger Directed Vehicle fleets;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this act be developed in consultation with the Passenger Directed Vehicle industry, disability community, and local government representatives.

RESOLUTION

**ACCESSIBILITY FUNDING FOR PASSENGER
DIRECTED VEHICLES**

City of Vancouver

WHEREAS Bill 55, the BC Passenger Transportation Amendment Act which took effect September 16, 2019, imposes a \$0.30 fee for each non-accessible vehicle trip but otherwise does not determine how or when those funds will be deployed to support accessibility of Passenger Directed Vehicles (PDVs);

AND WHEREAS the disability community has identified a number of PDV accessibility concerns, including but not limited to:

1. Lack of wheelchair accessible vehicles in Transportation Network Services;
2. No accessible (telephone) booking process for Transportation Network Services;
3. No central dispatch for wheelchair accessible vehicles in taxi services;
4. No accessible payment process, including cash and TaxiSavers, for Transportation Network Services; and
5. No compulsory driver training for safely transporting persons with disabilities and seniors in all Passenger Directed Vehicles.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the provincial government design and implement an Accessibility Funding Strategy for all Passenger Directed Vehicle fleets that ensures that transportation options for persons with disabilities are equal to those provided to non-disabled persons in all Passenger Directed Vehicle fleets, and specifically that all fleets have sufficient numbers of wheelchair accessible vehicles, and accessible booking, dispatch and payment processes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this act be developed in consultation with the Passenger Directed Vehicle industry, disability community, and local government representatives.

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