

ITEM 9

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 70

COUNCIL MEETING Oct. 28/74

Re: Taxi Licences

On April 8, 1974, when the Municipal Council was considering the question of taxi licences, it directed that five additional taxi licences be issued in September 1974, and that the Burnaby Cabs and Commercial Vehicles By-Law, 1951 be amended to allow for the issuance of the five additional licences in accordance with the formula set out in the statement accompanying the report of the Cab Licence Study Committee.

While the Chief Licence Inspector has been considering this matter, it was thought it would be beneficial if we included the 1975 quota of new licences at the same time. According to the per capita formula, which was approved by Council, and based on a figure of 1 cab per 1,800, there would be 75 cabs for 1975. At the moment, there are 66 cabs.

Consideration has been given to the problem of encouraging increasing competition and, perhaps, attracting a third dispatching service. Council is already aware that there are presently only two dispatching services available in Burnaby.

The Chief Licence Inspector has therefore recommended that in addition to the four licences already approved, the By-Law be further amended to include an extra five cabs to be made available now, thus filling the quota for 1975.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT proposals or applications be called for the issuance of nine (9) cab licences.