

Re: Letter dated July 3, 1974 from Mr. W.D. Fisher  
4291 Hurst Street

ITEM 36  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 49  
COUNCIL MEETING July 8/74

Appearing on the Agenda for the July 8, 1974 meeting of Council is a letter from Mr. W. D. Fisher regarding his differences with Bonny's Taxi (1971) Limited. Comments on this correspondence are contained in the following report from the Chief Licence Inspector.

It should be noted that Mr. Fisher will be at the meeting on July 8th to answer any questions that Council may have on this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT no action be taken concerning the points raised by Mr. Fisher; and  
THAT Mr. Fisher be further advised to bring the operation of his taxi into conformity with provisions of the Burnaby Cab and Commercial Vehicle By-law.

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MUNICIPAL MANAGER  
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

RE: W. D. FISHER  
TAXI-CAB LICENCE

Reference Mr. Fisher's correspondence of July 8, 1974.

Mr. Fisher is currently licenced as an owner-operator of one taxi-cab under the Bonny's fleet. Previous to May 2, 1974 he held two licences, one of which he operated. The second licence, while held by Mr. Fisher as the registered owner, was being operated by another person under an agreement to purchase. On approximately May 1, 1974, Mr. Fisher reassumed the operation of this taxi and subsequently sold and transferred ownership of the taxi he had been personally operating. It is the taxi which Mr. Fisher reassumed the operation of that gives rise to his problem. It should be noted that during the period of time involved in the dispute, the Municipal licence and the Provincial licence were held by Mr. Fisher.

We are advised by the manager of Bonny's Taxi that the cost of providing the dispatching service together with charges for fuel and administration services is considered to be the responsibility of the licensee of each taxi. In this case the several hundred dollars involved was incurred by the person operating under the agreement to purchase. Dispatching services to Mr. Fisher have been withdrawn until such time as payment is made or the matter is resolved in some other way.

The question of the dispatching fees is considered to be a private civil matter. However the Burnaby Cab and Commercial Vehicle By-law provides that the operator of a taxi-cab must maintain a licenced office within the Municipality and the taxi must be available for service a minimum of ten hours per day for six days per week.

Mr. Fisher is considered to be contrary to the By-law in that he is not currently attached to or maintaining an office and the taxi is not available for service for the minimum times. Written notice outlining the contraventions together with advice to resolve the problems has been provided to Mr. Fisher.

There is no authority to compel Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd., to provide dispatching services to any individual or group. Therefore, the problem is primarily an internal matter between the company and the individual.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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H. Buckley,  
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR