

ITEM 19

MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 83

COUNCIL MEETING Dec. 29/75

- Re: (a) LETTER DATED DECEMBER 8, 1975 FROM BONNY'S TAXI (1971) LTD., THAT APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 15, 1975 MEETING OF COUNCIL;
(b) LETTER DATED DECEMBER 22, 1975 FROM MR. HUGH LINDSAY, 7341 - 19th AVENUE, SUITE 228, THAT IS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA FOR THE DECEMBER 29, 1975 MEETING OF COUNCIL

TAXICAB LICENCES

Council, at its meeting of December 15, 1975 received the above-noted letter from Bonny's Taxi applying for nine taxi licences. Council was advised that a staff report on the matter would be available at the December 29, 1975 meeting of Council.

Appearing on the Agenda for the December 29, 1975 meeting of Council is the above-noted letter from Mr. Hugh Lindsay who has requested to appear as a delegation at that meeting and is requesting that seven taxi licences be granted to him.

Following is the Chief Licence Inspector's report in this regard.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. THAT Council authorize the Chief Licence Inspector to advertise the availability of and accept applications for eleven new taxicab licences, and refer the applications to the Taxicab Licencing Committee for their consideration and recommendations to Council; and
2. THAT a copy of this report be sent to Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd., and to Mr. Hugh Lindsay.

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23 December 1975

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
FROM: CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR
RE: TAXICAB LICENCES

Appearing on the agenda for 29 December 1975 is correspondence from Hugh Lindsay, 7341 - 19th Avenue, Burnaby, requesting that seven new taxicab licences be granted to him.

On 15 December 1975, Council received a request from Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd. for nine new taxicab licences.

The Burnaby Cab & Commercial Vehicle By-law sets out the maximum number of taxicab licences that shall be issued to service the Municipality.

On 18 April 1974, Council adopted the recommendations of the Taxicab Licencing Committee to issue one new cab licence each to Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd. and Capitol Hill Taxi Ltd., bringing the total number of cabs licenced by the Municipality to 66, and to:

- (i) issue five new cab licences in September 1974, to bring the maximum to 71 licences, representing a cab-population ratio of 1:1900;
- (ii) follow an annual graduating scale that would reduce the cab per capita ratio to 1:1500 by 1978.

The reduction would be accomplished as follows:

1975	1:1800
1976	1:1700
1977	1:1600
1978	1:1500
1979 and thereafter	1:1500

In addition to increasing the total number of cab licences by reduction of the per capita calculations, there would be an annual increase of two or three licences to keep abreast of the increase in the population of the Municipality. The by-law was amended in 1974 to provide that the number of cabs licenced by the Municipality shall not exceed 71.

On 28 October 1974, Item 9 of Manager's Report No. 70, Council endorsed a proposal to further amend the by-law to provide that the number of cabs licenced by the Municipality shall not exceed 75 in 1975. This could have created nine additional licences, five licences for the year 1974 to bring the ratio to 1:1900, and four licences for the year 1975 to bring the ratio to 1:1800. At the same time, Council directed that the availability of the new licences be advertised and that the Taxicab Licencing Committee consider all applications received and bring forward recommendations for the issuance of not more than nine new cab licences.

Applications were received from local operators, and a proposal to establish a new taxi company by an operator from the North Shore. The Taxicab Licencing Committee decided to defer the issuance of any new cab licences. This means that the 1975 cab complement is 66.

Since then, the two major taxicab companies operating in the Municipality have amalgamated. Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd. purchased Capitol Hill Taxi Ltd. and while the two companies still exist, the operation is conducted by Bonny's. It should be understood that 65 cabs licensed by the Municipality are operating through Bonny's dispatching service. The various licences are:

Bonny's Taxi (1971) Ltd.	3 cabs
Capitol Hill Taxi Ltd.	14 cabs
Individual owner-operator	48 cabs

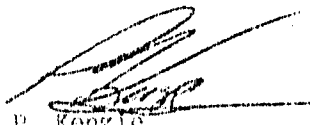
In addition, there is one independent operator.

The Director of Planning estimates that the population of the Municipality will be 139,400 as at 31 December 1975. Based on 66 licences, the current per capita ratio is 1:2112. To establish a 1:1800 per capita ratio would require 11 additional licences, bringing the maximum number of cab licences in the Municipality to 77.

In view of the time that has elapsed since Council considered this matter, the following is recommended:

RECOMMENDATION

1. THAT Council authorize the Chief Licence Inspector to advertise the availability of and accept applications for eleven new taxicab licences, and refer the applications to the Taxicab Licencing Committee for their consideration and recommendations to Council.


P. Kenzie
CHIEF LICENCE INSPECTOR

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cc: Municipal Treasurer