

TO: CITY MANAGER
 FROM: DIRECTOR FINANCE
 SUBJECT: TAXI TARIFFS

1998 August 17
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PURPOSE: To provide Council with information on the new taxi rates.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council receive this report for information.

REPORT

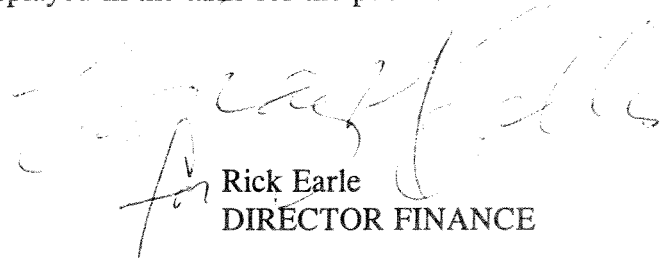
On 1998 August 04, the Motor Carrier Commission (M.C.C.) issued its decision on applications for changes to the tariffs of taxi operations in the Greater Vancouver Region. Under the Motor Carrier Act, the M.C.C. is responsible for the regulation of rates charged by taxi companies to the public. Bonny's and Burnaby Select taxi companies were included in the application for changes to tariffs. The following table compares the current rates with the industry proposal and the rates granted by the M.C.C.

<i>Fare</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Increase</i>	<i>Granted</i>	<i>Increase</i>
Flag	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.50	19 %	\$ 2.30	9.5%
Distance	\$ 1.21 / km	\$ 1.35	12 %	\$ 1.23	1.7%
Time	\$20.10 / hr	\$25.00	24 %	\$24.00	19.4%
15 km trip	\$20.25	\$22.75	12 %	\$20.75	2.5%
5 km trip	\$ 8.15	\$ 9.25	13.5%	\$ 8.45	3.7%

The new rates are effective 1998 September 01.

In addition to these rate changes, the taxi industry application sought additional charges related to luggage transport, airport licencing fees and service to wheelchair passengers. The application for luggage charges was subsequently withdrawn and the M.C.C. decided not to permit additional charges for assisting wheelchair passengers or for airport licencing fees (\$1.00 per trip).

Staff are preparing to check the recalibrated taxi metres of our local taxi companies and to supply them with taxi rate decals to be displayed in the taxis for the public.


for Rick Earle
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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