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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 1999 MAY 11  
**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE File:  
**SUBJECT:** PROVINCIAL STUDY ON THE TAXI INDUSTRY  
**PURPOSE:** To provide information requested by Council.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.

**REPORT**

Council, at the 1999 May 03 Regular Council Meeting, requested information on the status of the Provincial study of the taxi industry in B.C. This report provides the information requested by Council.

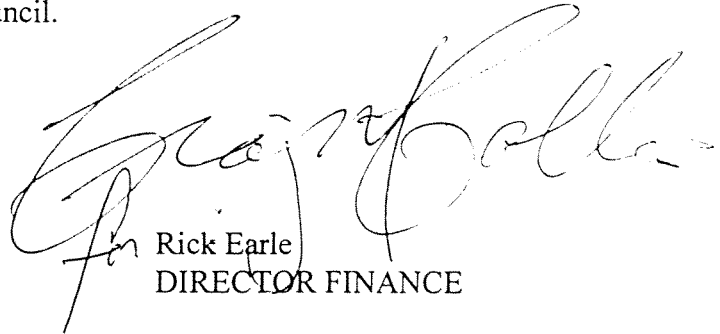
On 1999 January 14, the Provincial Transportation and Highways Minister announced the appointment of Mr. Stan Lanyon to study and report on the state of the taxi industry in B.C. The purpose of the study is:

- 1. To document the existing economic conditions of the industry;
- 2. To examine the regulatory environment;
- 3. To provide a forum for the discussions of policy alternatives.

As part of a series of meetings with taxi industry stakeholders, staff met with Mr. Lanyon and his committee partner, Mr. John Webb, on 1999 January 28 to discuss the study and the taxi industry in Burnaby. Topics covered in the meeting included local licencing and operational requirements, enforcement issues and service levels. Discussions also addressed alternative means of transportation (minibus operations) and possible regulatory schemes involving local, regional, provincial and multiple licencing bodies. Basic to staff contributions to the meeting was the City's general satisfaction with current taxi service for Burnaby residents and the need to maintain or, desirably, improve service with any changes to taxi industry policy.

Subsequent to this meeting, Mr. Lanyon distributed a questionnaire to interested parties in the taxi industry. The interviews and questionnaire responses will form the basis for his report on the state of the taxi industry in B.C. The study is to be submitted to the Highways and Transportation Minister during the week of May 10. The public release of the study will then be announced by the Minister. Staff have requested that a copy of the study be sent to the City.

This report is for the information of Council.



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