

**TO:** CITY MANAGER

DATE: 2000 APRIL 04

**FROM:** DIRECTOR FINANCE

File: V17-4

**SUBJECT:** ABBOTSFORD AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE LTD.

**PURPOSE:** To provide information to Council.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** a copy of this report be sent to:

Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd.  
32655 Haida Drive  
Abbotsford, BC V2T 5A2

**REPORT**

Council, at its meeting of 2000 March 27, received correspondence from Mr. Justin McCracken of Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd. Mr. McCracken is requesting that Council support his proposed Vancouver and Abbotsford Airport Shuttle services. This report provides information about this request.

The Motor Carrier Commission (M.C.C.) regulates commercial vehicles for hire in the Province of British Columbia. Under the conditions of their M.C.C. licence, the operations of the Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd. are limited to the provision of shuttle bus service between the Abbotsford Airport and the communities of Abbotsford, Chilliwack and Mission.

Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd. plans to seek an expansion of its M.C.C. authority to provide shuttle bus service between Abbotsford Airport, Vancouver International Airport and downtown Vancouver cruise ship terminals and communities in the Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Regional District, including Burnaby.

Submissions in support of an application for operating authority provide the M.C.C. with an indication of the need for the proposed service in a particular area. Typically, this support comes from potential users of the proposed service. We are advised by M.C.C. staff that formal municipal support for this enterprise is not a requirement of M.C.C. licencing.

Council will recall that Mr. Traz Benning of Cheam Tours Ltd. made delegation at the regular Council meeting of 1999 November 01. Cheam Tours Ltd. holds an M.C.C. licence to operate as a shuttle service between downtown Vancouver Cruise ship terminals, the Vancouver International Airport, the Fraser Valley communities and the Tri-Cities. Mr. Benning requested Council support for the expansion of shuttle bus service to include an airport shuttle in Burnaby. The matter was referred to the Traffic and Transportation Committee (Transportation and Transit Division). We understand that Mr. Benning will be making delegation to Committee on 2000 April 12.

Shuttle services such as those proposed by Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd. and Cheam Tours Ltd. are similar to mini-bus operations that were the subject of a 1998 November report to Council. On 1999 March 01, this report was referred to staff to re-evaluate mini-bus service in Burnaby after a period of one year.

Staff are currently preparing the requested review of mini-bus operations. A review of our Cab and Commercial Vehicle Bylaw and an evaluation of shuttle services such as those proposed by Abbotsford Airport Shuttle Service Ltd. and Cheam Tours Ltd will be included in this report, scheduled for completion in September.

This report is for the information of Council.

  
for Rick Earle  
DIRECTOR FINANCE

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cc: Director Planning & Building  
Traffic & Transportation Committee  
(Transportation & Transit Division)