

Terms of Reference Vehicle for Hire Committee

1.0 Mandate

The Vehicle for Hire Committee (VFHC) shall serve as a quasi-judicial committee to review appeals in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle for Hire By-law.

The Vehicle for Hire Committee will also provide recommendations regarding fares and other issues, which may arise within the vehicle for hire industry. This may include working in conjunction with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to administer the Accessible Vehicle Incentive Program.

2.0 Goals, Objectives and Responsibilities

The Vehicle for Hire Committee shall sit on an as-required basis to hear appeals or provide advice to Council regarding the regulation of the vehicle for hire industry.

They will serve as a body to connect industry participants in order to facilitate relationships and make connections related to matters related to the industry.

3.0 Composition

The VFHC will be composed of the following:

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| 1) Taxicab Brokerage Representatives | 1 - Appointed by Brokerage |
| 2) Taxicab Plate Licensees | 2 - Elected |
| 3) Taxicab Drivers | 2 - Elected |
| 4) Citizen Appointee | 1 |
| 5) PTC Company Representative | 2 |
| 6) PTC Driver | 2 |
| 7) City of Pickering Councillor | |
| 8) Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services | |

All members have voting rights with the exception of the Manager, Municipal Law Enforcement Services, or their designate.

Membership shall be for a 4-year term corresponding with the term of City Council.

4.0 Member Qualifications

Brokerage representatives must be employed by a brokerage licenced by the City of Pickering.

Taxicab Plate Licensee and Taxi Cab Driver representatives must hold the associated licence with the City of Pickering to be accepted as a nomination for election.

PTC Company Representatives must be employed by the PTC in a leadership or administrative role.

PTC Driver Representatives must be a driver for a licensed PTC Company offering service in the City of Pickering.

5.0 Selection Process

Taxicab Brokerage Representatives shall be chosen by the operating brokerages within the City of Pickering. Shall the brokerages not agree reach an agreement, an election shall be held.

Taxicab Plate Licensees and Driver Representatives shall be chosen by election. Industry licensees shall be permitted to vote for Taxicab Licensee and Taxicab Driver members.

One citizen member shall be appointed in accordance with Policy ADM 040.

PTC Company Representatives shall be appointed by each of the two PTC Companies that are licensed in the City of Pickering.

PTC Driver Representatives shall be appointed by the PTC with one from each of the PTC's licensed within the City of Pickering.

Each of the elected positions for Taxicab Plate Owners and Drivers will be selected through an election process initiated through Municipal Law Enforcement Services. Nominations will be submitted in writing. Once the nomination period has ended, licenced industry participants (taxicab plate licensees or drivers) attend the Pickering Civic Complex, present their identification, then complete a ballot to vote for one of the nominees listed on the ballots. A record of voters is kept to ensure each person only votes once. City staff tally the ballots and advise of the successfully elected candidates. Taxicab industry representatives are permitted to act as scrutineers. Should the number of nominees equal the available positions, representatives shall be acclaimed.

6.0 Meeting Schedule

The VFHC will meet as required to conduct appeal hearings at the Pickering Civic Complex. Meetings may also be called as required to provide input regarding matters relating to the vehicle for hire industry.

7.0 Budget

Committee members shall be paid an honorarium of \$50.00 per meeting attended.

Remuneration for committee members will be paid from the By-law Services Salary Account.