

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Via Video Conference

Cape Breton Regional Municipality

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Tuesday, March 8, 2022
6:00 p.m.

ADDENDUM ITEMS

7. **BY-LAWS & MOTIONS:**

7.1 **By-laws:**

b) **First Reading:**

- i) **Taxi By-law - Rate Increase:** Paul Burt, Manager of Building, Planning, and Licensing Laws (See page 3)



TO: CBRM Mayor & Council
FROM: Paul Burt
SUBJECT: Taxi By-law Rate Increase
DATE: March 7, 2022

Background

On June 15, 2021, CBRM Council directed staff to initiate a review of the Taxi By-law. Staff and the working group are continuing discussions to provide a set of recommendations to Council. Fares will be examined as part of this project. Staff intend to return to an upcoming meeting of Council with a detailed update on the work to date.

However, several taxi company owners are seeking an immediate increase to the fares provided within the Taxi Bylaw (Attachment A). Owners are facing rising operating costs while the rate schedule remains unchanged. Recently, there have been significant increases to both fuel prices and taxi insurance rates.

If Council wishes to provide fare increase in advance of the full Taxi Bylaw review, they may proceed with first reading of the draft Schedule C found in Attachment B. If approved by Council, the increase in fares will remain in place until such time Council adopts a revised Taxi By-law.

Next Steps

Prior to adopting an amendment to a CBRM By-law, Council is required to hold a public hearing. If Council agrees to schedule a public hearing, the earliest date the public hearing could be held would be during the April Council meeting.

Notice of the public hearing would be published in the Cape Breton Post and on the CBRM Facebook page. Notices would advise the public that Council intends to consider an amendment to the fare schedule of the Taxi Bylaw and of their opportunity to comment at the public hearing.

Recommendation

Schedule a public hearing to consider an amendment to the Taxi Bylaw to implement a temporary 20% rate increase to all fares outlined in Schedule C (see Attachment B).

Respectfully submitted by:

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY

Paul Burt
Manager, Building, Planning, and Licensing Laws

Attachment A

Schedule "C" of the Taxi By-law of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality

Schedule of Fares Within Service Areas As amended by the Protective Services Committee – July 4, 2008

All Fares include H.S.T.	Sydney (metered)	Sydney Mines (non-metered)	North Sydney (non-metered)	New Water. (non-metered)	Glace Bay (non-metered)	Florence (non-metered)	Whitney Pier (metered)
<p>Local Rate*</p> <p>Additional charge: \$1.00 per passenger for outside service area</p> <p>Applies to Sydney Only: Tendered Rates & Special Rates for the conveyance of groups may be made by private arrangement with the owner of the taxi business, owner of the vehicle, or driver of the vehicle.</p>	<p>\$4.00 initial charge</p> <p>(\$1.75 per mile or \$1.15 per kilom.)</p> <p>no extra charge</p> <p>\$22.00 per hour on metered fares when meter is running.</p>	<p>\$7.00 flat rate</p> <p>0.50 cents (per 3rd person or more)</p> <p>\$1.00 per person for outside Service area.</p>	<p>\$7.00 flat rate</p> <p>0.50 cents (per 3rd person or more)</p> <p>\$1.00 per person for outside Service area.</p>	<p>\$7.00 flat rate</p> <p>0.50 cents for each additional person;</p> <p>\$1.00 per person for outside Service area.</p>	<p>\$7.00 flat rate within Glace Bay; within Dominion; or Reserve Mines as described below this table</p> <p>\$10.00 flat rate between any two of the above communities</p> <p>0.50 cents for each additional person</p> <p>\$1.00 per passenger for outside Service area</p>	\$7.00 flat rate	
Rate for Fares outside the service area	\$1.15 per kilom.	\$1.15 per kilom.	\$1.15 per kilom.	\$1.15 per kilometer	\$1.15 per kilometer	\$1.15 per kilometer	
Waiting Time	\$30.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$30.00 per hour	\$30.00 per Hour	
Limousine Rate per hour	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	\$57.50	

Attachment A

<i>Sydney</i>		\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
<i>Glace Bay</i>	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$20.00	\$ 7.00	\$55.00	
<i>New Waterford</i>	\$25.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$ 7.00	\$20.00	\$55.00	\$20.00
<i>North Syd.</i>	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$ 7.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$ 10.00	
<i>Syd Mines</i>	\$30.00	\$ 7.00	\$10.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	
<i>Florence</i>	\$30.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$ 7.00	

Rates are current based on travel within and between communities noted above. Glace Bay and New Waterford - additional charges for extra passengers .50 cents per person; North Sydney and Sydney Mines additional charges for 3rd passenger or more .50 cents per person. Request for a van extra \$5.00 only if requested through dispatch (not on regular fares).

Attachment A

- - In the Sydney service area the metered rate is in effect within the area bounded by:
 - the Sydney River bridge along Keltic Drive;
 - Highway 125 by-pass intersecting King's Road, Alexandra Street, George Street and Grand Lake Road;
 - up to and including the properties fronting MacLeod Street in South Bar which intersects Victoria Road. (Briands and City Wide request) *

- - In the Sydney Mines and North Sydney service areas the local rate is in effect throughout the service areas.

- - In the New Waterford service area the local rate is in effect in New Waterford and Scotchtown. This local area is bounded by:
 - the Lingan/Phalen Colliery to the east along Hinchey Avenue;
 - Hulme's Lane to the east along Roach's Road;
 - the intersection of Ryan Street and Route 28 to the south;
 - the railroad right-of-way along May Street to the west; and
 - MacNeil's and Webb's Lane along Ellsworth Avenue to the west.

- - In the Glace Bay service area the local rate is in effect for fares where the passenger(s) ***are picked up and delivered***
 - ***within*** the boundary of the former Town of Glace Bay;
 - ***within*** the boundary of the former Town of Dominion; and
 - ***within*** Reserve Mines, bounded by the boundaries of the former towns of Glace Bay, Dominion, and the intersection of the Old Airport Road and the Sydney-Glace Bay Highway.

Attachment B

By-law
of the
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
amending the
Taxi By-law

Pursuant to Section 305 of the Motor Vehicle Act, Chapter 293 of the Revised Statutes of Nova Scotia, 1995 and Section 168 of the Municipal Government Act the Council of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality hereby amends the Taxi By-law:

THAT: Council replaces Schedule "C" with the following:

Schedule "C"
of the
Taxi By-law
of the
Cape Breton Regional Municipality

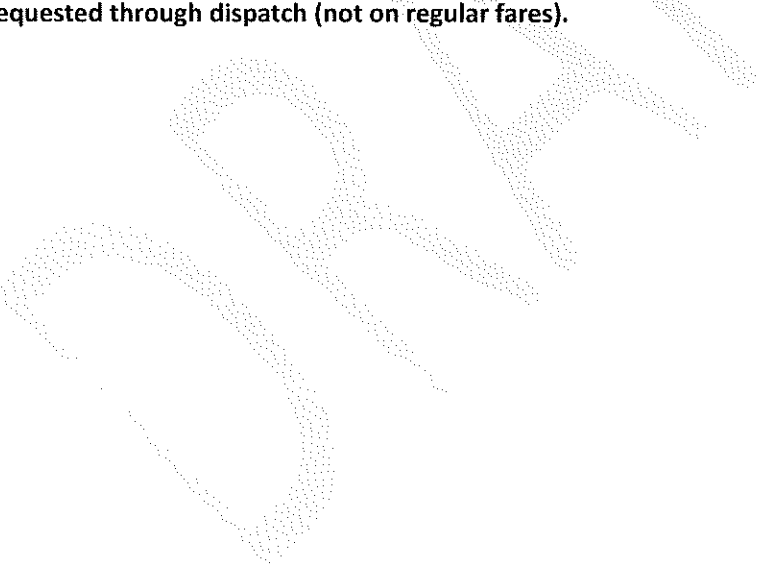
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Attachment B

	meter is running.						
Rate for Fares outside the service area	\$1.38 per kilom.	\$1.38 per kilom.	\$1.38 per kilom.	\$1.38 per kilometer	\$1.38 per kilometer	\$1.38 per kilometer	
Waiting Time	\$36.00 per hour	\$36.00 per hour	\$36.00 per hour	\$36.00 per hour	\$36.00 per hour	\$36.00 per Hour	
Limousine Rate per hour	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	\$69.00	
<i>Sydney</i>		\$36.00	\$36.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$36.00	
<i>Glace Bay</i>	\$30.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$24.00	\$ 8.40	\$66.00	
<i>New Waterford</i>	\$30.00	\$66.00	\$66.00	\$ 8.40	\$24.00	\$66.00	\$24.00
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PASSED AND ADOPTED: by a majority of the whole Council at a duly called meeting of the Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council held on **DATE**.

MAYOR

CLERK

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above amendments are a true and correct copy of the Amending By-law of the Cape Breton Regional Municipality adopted by Regional Council during a meeting held on **DATE** to amend the Cape Breton Regional Municipality's Taxi Bylaw.

Deborah Campbell Ryan, CLERK



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 320 Esplanade
 Sydney, NS B1P 7B9

Item No.

Council Agenda Request Form			
Included on Agenda (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by 4:30 pm seven days before the meeting)	X	Late Item (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon the day before the meeting)	Request from the Floor: (New Business) - Announcement - Referral - Submit Petition - Notice of Motion
Date of Council Meeting: March 2022 meeting of Council			
Subject: Taxi fare increase request			
Motion for Council to Consider: Request for a discussion and immediate action			
Reason: Please see attached email from a group of Taxi Company owners. Gas prices have put Taxi Company owners and drivers in a position they have not been in since 2004-2005 due to the current spikes in fuel costs. Indications are that gas will hit \$2.00+ per litre very soon in Nova Scotia and possibility continue to rise. Although the war in Europe is a major factor, prices were rising and expected to hit between \$1.75 to \$2.00 per litre by mid summer anyway. The Taxi Bylaw Committee has been working to bring council an up-to-date bylaw in April or May with changes that may include a fare increase but that was due to operating costs including insurance, vehicle maintenance/replacement, wages, fees, and fuel. Right now, the owners and driver are looking for an immediate increase to help defer costs			
Outcome Sought: Discussion and decision on the request			
<i>Councillor: Steve Gillespie</i>		<i>District: 4</i>	
<i>Date: March 6, 2022</i>		<i>Received by Clerk's Department (date):</i>	

No discussion with planning department due to this issue only coming to light over the weekend.