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CITY OF BRAMPTON ANNOUNCES RELIEF FOR TAXI INDUSTRY

BRAMPTON, ON – At its meeting on April 22nd, Brampton City Council unanimously passed a motion moved by Regional Councillor Paul Vicente, and seconded by Regional Councillors Gurpreet Singh Dhillon and Pat Fortini, to provide relief to the taxi industry along with other mobile licensees including driving school instructors, tow trucks, and refreshment vehicles.

Due to the provincial government enacting Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as of March 24, all non-essential businesses were forced to close. Though taxis, driving schools, and tow trucks fall under essential businesses, the demand for these businesses dropped due to the call for social distancing, and the closure of offices and non-essential businesses. Many drivers also stopped working to prevent coming in contact with the virus.

Council passed the following six recommendations to help the taxi industry and other mobile licensees cope with the impacts of COVID-19 including:

1. Deferral of expiry dates to provide additional time for the licensees to pay the fees:

Type of Licence	New date for expiry
Driver/Operator(Driving School Instructor)	90 days after re-opening
Refreshment Vehicles (all Classes)	June 30
Driving School Vehicles	July 31
Tow Trucks	September 30
Taxis	November 30

2. Reduction of licence fees for 3 months while the emergency order is in place for a cost of approximately \$150,000 to the City of Brampton:

Licence Type	Licence Cost	Pro-rated/mth	Total Number Licences	2 month Reduction	3 month Reduction
Refreshment Vehicles	\$292	\$24.33	54	\$2,627.64	\$3,941.46
Driving School Vehicles	\$171	\$14.25	441	\$12,568.50	\$18,852.75
Taxi Owner Plate	\$448	\$37.33	383	\$28,594.78	\$42,892.17
Tow Truck	\$363	\$30.25	533	\$32,246.50	\$48,369.75
Limousine	\$269	\$22.42	11	\$493.24	\$739.86
Personal Transportation Company	\$20,788	\$1732.33	2	\$6,929.32	\$10,393.98
Driver	\$98	\$8.17	1023	\$16,715.82	\$25,073.73
Totals				\$100,175.80	\$150,263.70

3. Permitting motor vehicles with a model year of 2010 to remain on the road as registered taxis until May 2021



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4. Permitting licensing extensions in 2020 for applicable model years to require only one safety standard certificate as opposed to two
5. Removing the licensing fee for model year extensions and filing of leases
6. Waiving late renewal fees for 2020 on any licence renewed past the expiry date

“Our taxi drivers and tow truck drivers are on the front lines assisting people during the covid19 pandemic,” said Councillor Dhillon. “The decision by this Council to assist them was essential. We will continue to stand by our front line workers.”

“We are committed to helping people during this difficult time,” noted Councillor Vicente. “We appreciate the work done by everyone in the transportation industry as they are valuable partners in keeping people and goods moving. We are all in this together.”

Councillor Singh also added: “the taxi and tow truck industry is going through a tough time and we need to stand by them, just like they have stood by our residents fulfilling a very important service.”

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