

# Report to Council



**Date:** January 21, 2019  
**File:** 1850-30  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Transit and Programs Manager  
**Subject:** Draft response to provincial inquiry into transportation network services  
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## **Recommendation:**

THAT Council receive, for information, the report from the Transit and Programs Manager, dated January 21, 2019 regarding response to the call for written submissions from the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations inquiry into transportation network services (ride hailing services) in BC;

AND THAT Council authorize the proposed response to the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations inquiry.

## **Purpose:**

To receive Council approval of the proposed response to the request for feedback from the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations inquiry into transportation network services (ride hailing services) in BC.

## **Background:**

On November 27, 2018, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia authorized the all-party Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations to conduct an inquiry into transportation network services (ride hailing services).

Correspondence received December 18, 2018 invited Kelowna Mayor and Council to provide a written submission focused on any or all of the following four questions:

- What criteria should be considered when establishing boundaries?
- How should regulations balance the supply of service with consumer demand, including the application of the Passenger Transportation Board's current public convenience and necessity regime as it pertains to transportation network services?

- What criteria should be considered when establishing price and fare regimes that balance affordability with reasonable business rates of return for service providers?
- What class of drivers' license should be required for ride-hailing drivers to ensure a robust safety regime without creating an undue barrier for drivers?

City Council sent a letter to the Committee on January 15, 2018 on its initial inquiry into transportation network services (ride hailing services), outlining Council's formal position. The current proposed response (attached), as prepared by staff, essentially restates Councils' position, providing more detailed opinion on boundaries, class of license, and pricing as requested.

A copy of the previous letter can be viewed at:

<https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/41st-parliament/2nd-session/CrownCorporations/submissions/CityofKelowna.pdf>

The submission must be received by the Standing Committee no later than February 1, 2019.

**Internal Circulation:**

Divisional Director, Infrastructure  
Commutations consultant  
Corporate communications manager

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:  
Legal/Statutory Authority:  
Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:  
Existing Policy:  
Personnel Implications:  
External Agency/Public Comments:  
Communications Comments:  
Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:



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**Approved for inclusion:**



A. Newcombe, Divisional Director, Infrastructure

Attachments: City of Kelowna ride-hailing response.pdf  
cc: Divisional Director, Infrastructure