



Date: May 30, 2016

File: 0930-70

To: City Manager

From: City Clerk

Subject: New Taxi Service - Sun Cabs

Recommendation:

THAT Council receives, for information, the report of the City Clerk, dated May 30, 2016 with respect to a proposed new taxi service within the City of Kelowna;

AND THAT Council authorizes the Mayor, on behalf of Council, to write a letter of support to the Passenger Transportation Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for Sun Cabs operating as a taxi within the City of Kelowna.

Purpose:

To obtain municipal comment on an application to operate a new taxi company within the City of Kelowna

Background:

An application to operate a new taxi service within the City of Kelowna has been made to the Passenger Transportation Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. As part of the application process, the City of Kelowna may provide comment.

The proposed new company, Sun Cabs, would operate a fleet of one (1) taxi. City staff have no objections to the application. Council has supported applications for increases to existing taxi fleets previously, and has been supportive of increasing the number of taxis available within the City.

Legal/Statutory Authority:

The licensing of taxi companies is regulated provincially by the Passenger Transportation Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and by the Passenger Transportation Board. As part of the application process, a municipality may provide comment on new taxi company applications.

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Should the application of Sun Cabs be successful, a valid City of Kelowna business licence and a Chauffeur Permit for each driver must be issued by the City prior to any operations commencing.

External Agency/Public Comments: RCMP Traffic Section has no comment.

Considerations not applicable to this report: Internal Circulation: Financial/Budgetary Considerations: Personnel Implications: Existing Policy: Communications Comments: Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

Stephen Fleming, City Clerk

Approved for inclusion: R. Mayne, Divisional Director Corporate and Protective Services

cc: Bylaw Services Manager Airport Operations Manager RCMP Kelowna Traffic Section