

Report to Council



Date: May 17, 2021
To: Council
From: City Manager
Subject: Kelowna International Airport Fees Bylaw Amendment
Department: Kelowna International Airport

Recommendation:

THAT COUNCIL receive for information the report of the Kelowna International Airport dated May 17, 2021;

AND THAT COUNCIL support Kelowna International Airport's plan for taxi and transportation network carrier services;

AND FURTHER THAT Bylaw No. 12207 being Amendment No. 36 to the City of Kelowna Airport Fees Bylaw 7982 be advanced for reading consideration.

Purpose:

To bring forward various amendments to Kelowna International Airport Fees Bylaw No. 7982.

Background:

Per-trip fee for taxis and transportation network carriers

Kelowna International Airport (the Airport) currently issues licenses to taxis and transportation network services (TNSs) wanting to operate at the Airport. The license is \$638.00 per year for taxis and TNSs. A license is issued per vehicle and allows the vehicle to have unlimited pick-ups and drop-offs at the Airport.

The Airport has consulted with passengers, service providers and the taxi industry since 2019 on the ground transportation program via surveys, live feedback sessions, large group meetings, and three one-on-one feedback sessions with taxi companies. The feedback received from the service providers was that the fees and charges needed to be fair and equitable across all service providers, and that a user pay, per trip fee model is the best way forward. The feedback from passengers was that the services available needed to be user friendly, widely available and with a variety of options.

As not all TNS drivers are full-time, an annual licensing fee could deter certain drivers from servicing the Airport. As a result, the Airport wishes to implement an annual licensing fee, combined with a per-trip pick-up fee and drop-off fee for taxis and TNSs in order to provide passengers with a choice of service and ensure all operators incur the same costs to operate at the Airport.

The Passenger Transportation Board has approved passing the trip fee on to the passenger.

Discussion:

Per-trip fee for taxis and transportation network services

The Airport is recommending that the following fees be implemented for taxis and transportation network services, effective July 1, 2021:

	Fee
Annual license fee – per vehicle	\$50.00
Pick-up fee – per pick-up for trip greater than 3km	\$2.00
Drop-off fee – per drop-off for trip greater than 3km	\$2.00

The fees outlined above are consistent with those implemented by other Canadian airports that have TNSs operating at their airport, in terms of fee structure and the amount of the fees.

Minor Edits

The Airport is recommending certain formatting and wording changes be made within Bylaw 7982. The most significant of these changes are (i) having the ability to align land rental rates with current market value every five years, and (ii) charging aircrew \$30.00 per month for parking.

Conclusion:

The Airport recommends the fees for taxis and transportation network services change to an annual licensing fee combined with per-trip pick-up and drop-off fees, and minor changes be made to Bylaw 7982, effective July 1, 2021.

Financial/Budgetary Considerations:

The budget will be updated as a part of the 2022 budget, when the data is available to assess the change in revenue.

Internal Circulation:

Communications
Financial Services

Considerations not applicable to this report:

Legal/Statutory Authority:

Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements:

Existing Policy:

External Agency/Public Comments:

Communications Comments:

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