

**DATE:** May 23, 2017

**TO:** MAYOR AND COUNCIL

**NAME AND TITLE:** Ian Wells, General Manager Planning and Development

**SUBJECT:** Bylaw Amendments for Vehicles for Hire and Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaws

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That Council:

1. GRANT FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007 Amendment Bylaw No. 8855, 2017”.
2. GRANT FIRST THREE READINGS to “City of Prince George Bylaw Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 8866, 2017”.

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to outline housekeeping items to the City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007 and City of Prince George Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:**

The recommended changes are consistent with Council’s strategy to update and improve systems to ensure appropriate and valid customer service delivery.

**DISCUSSION:**

The proposed amendments to the City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No.7853, 2007 are housekeeping changes required to update day to day operations related to the approval and enforcement of Chauffeurs Permits. The key amendments to the bylaw include the following:

- Expansion of the definition of Bylaw Enforcement Officer to include members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and other Peace Officers;
- Correct the reference to the current Business Regulation and Licensing Bylaw;
- Expansion of the powers to inspect chauffeurs’ permits to all persons defined as Bylaw Enforcement Officers;
- Removal of Part 2 of Schedule “A”, which listed a number of hazardous moving violations;
- Set the time to appeal decisions to suspend or cancel a chauffeur’s permits to seven (7) days, which is consistent with the current Business Regulation and Licensing Bylaw;
- Update the enforcement and penalty process to allow for the use of Bylaw Notices;

- Removing the outdated Application for Chauffeur's Permit and replacing it with an updated application;
- Removing the term "hazardous moving violation" and replacing with the term "moving violation; and
- Updating the criteria for refusing, suspending or cancelling a chauffeur's permit and issuing warning letters to applicants and holders of permits.

The proposed amendments to the City of Prince George Bylaw Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 8813, 2016 will allow for Bylaw Offence Notices to be utilized in the enforcement of the City of Prince George Vehicles for Hire Bylaw No. 7853, 2007 and City of Prince George Smoke and Vape Free Places Bylaw No. 8591, 2016.

Fines for offences under both bylaws will start at \$100.00. Fines for operating a Vehicle for Hire without a Chauffeurs Permit will start at \$200.00. The fine amounts are consistent with those set prior to these amendments.

**SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:**

The recommended amendments will update processes for making application for, obtaining, suspending and cancelling Chauffeurs Permits. They will also allow for a consistent method for enforcement by utilizing the Bylaw Offence Notice and Adjudication process in both the Vehicles for Hire and Smoke and Vape Free Places Bylaws.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

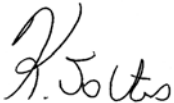


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**APPROVED:**



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Kathleen Soltis, City Manager  
Meeting date: June 12, 2017