



29 April 2011

City Council Committee Report

To: Mayor & Council

Fr: Joanne L. McMillin, City Clerk

Re: Taxi By-law Amendment

Recommendation:

That Council give three readings to a by-law to amend By-Law Number 88-2009 being a by-Law to Licence and Regulate Taxi Cabs/Limousines and Drays operating within and From the City of Kenora with respect to the meter tolerance and a fee for non-mandatory sealing of meters; and further

That notice is hereby given of the fee for non-mandatory sealing of meters to Taxi Companies that will take effect and come into force on June 1, 2011.

Background:

Further to By-law Number 25-2011 being adopted on March 21, 2011 which amended the comprehensive Taxi By-law concerning rates, Mike Mostow indicated the meter tolerance number was incorrectly calculated at 15 meters and should be shown as 1.5%. This recently came to light when the City calibrated the meters to reflect the new taxi rates that came into effect on April 18. This is basically a housekeeping matter and does not directly change or affect any other aspect of the by-law. However Mike has suggested the City implement a fee for conducting the road test at the request of a driver for such things as removing the seal; missing the test; changing vehicles, etc. As a courtesy, the Taxi Companies are being advised in advance of the new fee that will have an effective date of June 1, 2011.

It is recommended that Section 10.4 be amended by changing this section to read as follows:

Taxi meter tolerances shall not exceed the following:

On a mileage test (road test) with respect to computed distance actually travelled, a tolerance of one and a half percent (1.5%) per kilometre is allowed."

It is further recommended that Section 10.4 be amended by adding the following to this section:

Taxi Meter Calibration Testing – Fee

Other than for City imposed purposes, i.e. rate changes and annual road testing, the City shall charge a fee in the amount of \$20.00, plus applicable taxes for any calibration testing/re-sealing of a taxi meter requested by the Taxi driver/owner for any reason, including but not limited to loss of, or tampering with the seal, missing a pre-scheduled road test.

Budget:

N/A

Communication Plan/Notice By-law Requirements:

Adequate notice to Taxi Companies, M. Mostow, H. Lajeunesse.