



Report Number: EC2025-0527

Meeting: Executive Committee

Meeting Date: 2025 May 13

## NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Transportation Network Driver Supply Management Feasibility Review

Sponsoring Member(s) of Council: Cllr Raj Dhaliwal

### WHEREAS...

1. Under Vehicle for Hire Bylaw 20M2021, the City licences Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and Transportation Network Drivers (TNDLs) on an open-entry, unlimited basis;
2. The same by-law sets a fixed number of Taxi Plate Licences (TPLs), while no numerical limit currently applies to TNDLs;
3. City records show more than 16,581 active TNDLs in 2024—approximately one for every 82 residents;
4. Toronto's 2024 *Transportation Impacts of Vehicle-for-Hire* study found that rapid TNC growth increased downtown vehicle-kilometres-travelled by 14 %, raised collision rates, and lengthened wheelchair-accessible wait times, leading Toronto staff to explore caps and population-based ratios;
5. Calgary's Climate Strategy – Pathways to 2050 and Calgary Transportation Plan commit the City to reducing congestion, emissions and road injuries;
6. Stakeholders, including taxi drivers and many TNDLs, have noted that ongoing growth in TNDLs intensifies curb-space competition and may affect overall service quality;
7. Vehicle for Hire (VFH) Administration is currently implementing the Council-approved 2024 Transitional Strategy, including a fee review conducted on a cost-recovery basis; any additional regulatory work must be integrated with that plan and consider resource and budget implications; and
8. Driver-testing standards and provincial licence classes are established by the Government of Alberta, while municipalities determine the number, renewal schedule and conditions of vehicle-for-hire licences.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL DIRECT ADMINISTRATION TO:

- 1) Prepare a fact-finding report by Q3 2026 that:
  - a) Evaluates the feasibility, benefits, risks and resource implications of supply-management mechanisms, such as a fixed or population-based cap or other tools to manage future growth in TNDLs;
  - b) Analyses potential legal, economic and service impacts, including effects on outer-urban service, wheelchair-accessible service, market competition, existing service-level contracts (e.g., Calgary International Airport, major event venues) and any risk of unlicensed operations or litigation; and;

- c) Integrates these findings with the ongoing VFH fee review and Transitional Strategy work-plan, identifying any required budget or staffing adjustments.
- 2) Include in that report an assessment of administrative-efficiency options, such as:
- a) Aligning renewal dates for all TNC and taxi plates and driver licences (noting work already underway in the online-licensing project); and
  - b) Evaluating the feasibility and cost implications of extending both TNDL and Taxi Driver Licence (TDL) terms to two years while retaining annual safety requirements (police information check, driver abstract, mechanical inspection, photo verification).
- 3) Draft a letter requesting that the Province review Class 4 licensing standards for all vehicle-for-hire drivers, and include the Province's response in the Q3 2026 update.

Attachment:

1. Notice of Motion Checklist