

**Subject: Bylaw No. 18/018 - Vehicle for Hire Bylaw Amendment****APPROVALS:****Annette Antoniak**\_\_\_\_\_  
Director\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Administrative Officer**Recommended Motion:**

THAT Bylaw No. 18/018, being an amendment to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw, be read a first time.

**Summary:**

On January 12, 2016, Mr. Ronald MacNeill, owner of Sun Taxi, made a presentation to Council seeking an amendment to schedule "B" of the Vehicle for Hire bylaw. Mr. MacNeill proposed that the \$3.00 Airport Service Fee charged to the taxi drivers who use the Taxi Waiting Corral at the airport charged back to the person(s) requesting the taxi.

Mr. MacNeill suggested the economic down turn in the economy and the current contract for the airport taxi coral was too costly to his chauffeurs and provided insight on other airports (Calgary and Edmonton) where a fee was charged for fares picked up at these airports.

The purpose of the fee allows the airport to recover some of the cost associated in providing a heated washroom facility for taxi chauffeurs, a secured paved lot for waiting taxis, snow removal and usual maintenance.

Council provided direction to Mr. MacNeill to seek input from the Taxi Advisory Committee to review the request and to provide clarity and recommendations for council. Due to the impact of the wildfire the Taxi Advisory Committee meetings were postponed.

In February 2017, the Taxi Advisory Committee met and discussed the \$3.00 airport fee being charged to chauffeurs, the surcharge for a van request and an increase in the surcharge for cleaning due to the actions of a passenger.

Following a lengthy discussion, the Taxi Advisory Committee voted in favor of

supporting the following changes to the Vehicle for Hire Bylaw;

- \$3.00 airport fee added as a surcharge to be paid by a passenger picked up at the airport,
- a surcharge of \$5.00, for a trip beginning and ending in the Urban Service Area if the Vehicle requested was a Van,
- a surcharge of \$10.00 for a trip beginning or ending in the Rural Service Area if the Vehicle requested was a Van,
- increasing the surcharge to \$200.00 where a cleanup of the Vehicle is required due to the actions of the passenger(s).

**Rationale for Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council approve the Amendments to Bylaw 13/001 Vehicle for Hire Bylaw as attached to lessen the cost associated with operating a taxi from the driver, and the cost be added as a surcharge to be paid by a passenger(s) in addition to any other fare being charged.

**Strategic Priorities:**

Responsible Government

**Attachments:**

1. Bylaw No. 18/018