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Attention: City Clerk
City of Regina
City Hall
Regina, Saskatchewan

We are asking permission to appear before City Council in regards to allowing more licenses for accessible taxicabs.

A letter regarding this has been sent to Lorne Chow and the Aldermen stating our concerns. The taxi industry does not feel it would be feasible at this time to add more vehicles.

In your letter of May 15 2015 the recommendation was based on the figure of 11,000. The taxi industry does not feel this is a true figure at this time as there are only 2,800 customers registered with Para Transit in the city of Regina. Only about half of those registered use the facility. Our figures show in the cab industry that after the last 6 licenses were issued there was an over supply of cabs.

We realize the City of Regina has a goal to have 18 plates by 2017. As this is only the start of 2015 we do not understand why the rush when drivers are now finding it difficult and to add more licenses at this time would be a disaster for the cab industry.

There is a considerable difference between the cities of Saskatoon and Regina in the need of accessible taxis. Saskatoon has a large surrounding area, which uses this service. Also the brokers and drivers in Saskatoon feel they have an over supply of cabs. There are other circumstances to consider as well and decisions should not be based for Regina using Saskatoon information.

We are asking City Council to send this back to the drawing board involving taxi brokers, Para transits, community and protective services committee. We are uncertain as to where you obtained stats to make these decisions. The cab industry can supply stats to the committee to assist in your decision-making.

We have spoken with some Para transit customers and they feel that Para transit is not using their vehicles to full capacity at certain times; for example on Sundays and holidays at which time more buses are needed.

Some brokers and drivers feel that Para transit should be taking over the accessible taxi industry.

Yours truly,



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