HALDIMAND COUNTY

Memorandum CLS-M02-2021 Update on Hired Vehicle Fares

For Consideration by Council in Committee on March 30, 2021

To: Mayor Hewitt and Members of Council

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In March 2020, Report CLS-01-2020 Hired Vehicle Operation Framework was considered and subsequently a revised Hired Vehicle Licensing By-law was enacted to reflect a cancellation of the quota system previously used to regulate the number of available taxi licences in the municipality, and to increase maximum taxi fares as they had not been adjusted since 2013 and needed to be reviewed to reflect increased costs. Additionally, Council directed that an annual adjustment of taxi fares was to be conducted based on the Consumer Price Index.

Staff reviewed the Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual average for transportation costs in Ontario from December 2019 to December 2020 and found that there was a -1.2% change in transportation costs year over year in Ontario. Based on this change, no adjustments to taxi fares will be made in 2021. Further, to ensure that fare adjustments do not cause inefficiencies for clients and taxi operators who may be dealing with cash payments, in future staff will undertake an annual review of fares related to the CPI, but will not bring forward a fare adjustment until it results in an adjustment of $0.25.

For reference, the current taxi fares, as approved in March 2020 are as follows:

The following maximum regular tariffs shall apply to Taxicabs operating within Haldimand County:

1. By Area / Location

Urban Area flat rate	$10.00
Rural Area	$5.50 minimum + $2.50/km
	(discretionary option of charging for pickup at the half way point between where the cab is coming from and the pickup destination)

2. Standing / Waiting Time $0.50/minute

3. Handling Luggage or Groceries   No Charge

4. Senior's & Students Discount   Discretionary 10%

5. Surcharge – Discretionary $2.00
(on fares of four (4) or more people at any time)