

**Subject: Taxicab and Limousine Driver's Licence Extension**

**Department: Corporate Services**

**Division: By-law/Property Standards**

**Report #: CPS-2021-006**

**Meeting Date: 2021-01-25**

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### **Recommendations**

**That report CPS-2021-006, Taxicab and Limousine Driver's Licence Extension, be received;**

**And that the expiry date for Taxicab and Limousine Driver's Licences issued in 2020 be extended from January 31, 2021 to April 30, 2021;**

**And that Council amend By-law 2004-119 to change the expiry date for Taxicab and Limousine Driver's Licences going forward.**

### **Background and Analysis**

A review of the business licences issued and their respective expiry dates was conducted by the Clerk's division as a result of the Province wide shutdown and enhanced restrictions that were implemented effective December 26, 2020 due to COVID-19. Following this review, Report CPS-2021-005 (Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences Extension) was submitted to Council at its January 11, 2021 meeting. This report recommended that restaurant licences and pet shop licences that were due to expire on January 30, 2021 and January 31, 2021, be extended to April 30, 2021 to provide relief to businesses facing financial challenges due to the pandemic. Further, it was recommended that Restaurant Licence By-law 2004-117 and Pet Shop Licence By-law 2005-095 be amended to change the validity period of these licences to April 30<sup>th</sup> going forward.

Under the provisions of Taxicab By-law 2004-119, taxicab and limousine driver's licences expire on January 31 of the year following the date of issue.

The new restrictions imposed due to the Province wide shutdown has created not only financial challenges for taxicab and limousine drivers, but it has also limited in-person

access to services to obtain the documentation required to accompany the application for a taxicab or limousine driver's licence, which includes:

- Vulnerable Sector Check issued within 30 days of application
- Driver's Abstract issued within 30 days of application
- Taxicab / Limousine Driver's licence photo – provided by either attending Town Hall in-person or providing passport-size photograph taken within 30 days of application

To provide similar relief to taxicab and limousine drivers facing challenges resulting from the pandemic, an approach consistent with restaurant and pet shop licences is recommended, as follows:

1. That taxicab and limousine driver's licences due to expire on January 31, 2021 be extended to April 30, 2021.
2. That Section 10.2 of By-law 2004-119, a by-law to licence, regulate and govern taxicabs and limousines be amended to read as follows:

*10.2 All taxicab driver's or limousine driver's licences issued under the provisions of this by-law shall expire on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of April of the year following the date of issue.*

This amendment will change the validity period of taxicab and limousine driver's licences from January 31<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> going forward.

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## **Strategic Alignment**

### **Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan**

Priority Area: Strong Governance

Objective: Financial Responsibility

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## **Notice Provisions**

Not applicable.

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### **Financial Impact**

The estimated financial impact is limited as the proposed approach does not waive licensing fees but rather defers them to a later date in 2021.

Respectfully submitted

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