

Licensing and Regulating Taxis, Limousines, and Ride-Hailing Services



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Purpose

Ride-hailing services available in CRD in 2020

This report informs Council about:

- BC framework for ride-hailing services,
- Existing authority to license ride-hailing services,
- Plans to review, harmonize and develop regulations for ride-hailing services

Report presents options for licensing and regulating taxis, limousines, and ride-hailing services.



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Ride-Hailing Services in BC

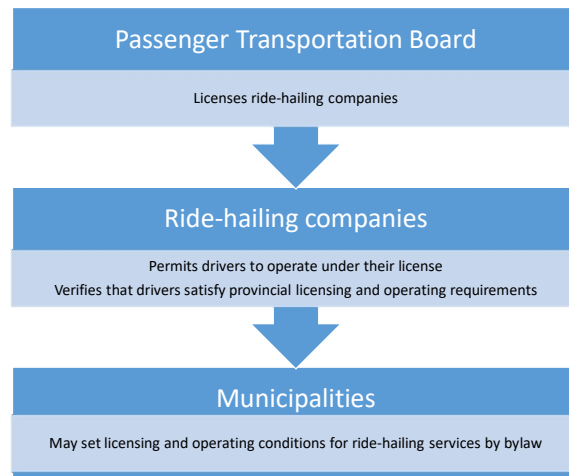
- *BC Passenger Transportation Act* came into force on September 16th, 2019
 - Enables ride-hailing services
 - Sets licensing and operating conditions for taxis, limousines, and ride-hailing services (PDVs)
 - Establishes the Passenger Transportation Board (Board) and Registrar of Passenger Transportation (Registrar)



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BC Licensing Framework



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PDV Driver Requirements

Key BC licensing requirements:

- Have a commercial driver's licence (Class 4).
- Complete a driving record check
- Complete a criminal record check
- Ensure vehicle is no older than 10 years and 1 month

Must comply with relevant municipal bylaws



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Municipal Bylaws for PDVs

City can regulate PDVs through general business licensing and regulating authorities.

Municipalities may

- Issue business licences
- Set business licensing condition
- Regulate by bylaw

Municipality must not

- Prohibit ride-hailing services
- Regulate ride-hailing fleet size
- Issue new municipal chauffeur permits



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City Licences and Fees

City Bylaws for taxis and limousines

- *Business Licence Bylaw* - \$100 licence for companies
- *Business Licence Bylaw* - \$140 licence for owner or operator of a vehicle

Vehicles for Hire Bylaw sets out licensing and operating conditions for taxis and sight-seeing vehicles.

No unique rules for ride-hailing services.



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Issues

Level playing field

Maintaining current licensing and operating standards

Alignment with the Province

Effective, safe, and sustainable integration of new ride-hailing services into the City's mobility strategies, networks, and services



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Next Steps – Three Phases

- 1) License ride-hailing services under existing authority, and suspend taxi licensing conditions
- 2) Review suspended licensing and operating conditions to harmonize City bylaws with provincial licensing and operating requirements
- 3) Develop regulatory framework to ensure that new ride-hailing services are effectively, safely, and sustainably integrated into the City's mobility strategies, networks, and services.



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Options

Option 1

- Use current authority to license ride-hailing
- Suspend taxi licensing and operating conditions, except parking and standing rules
- Report back with implications of repealing licensing and operating conditions
- Harmonize City bylaws with provincial requirements
- Undertake regulatory work for ride-hailing services during development of Sustainable Mobility Strategy

Option 2

- Same as Option 1 except that it retains current taxi licensing and operating conditions.
- Permit soft meters under City regulations
- Review taxi licensing and operating conditions as part of harmonization



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Recommendation

Option 1

- Immediately begins to level playing field
- Defers responsibility to the Province for setting requirements and monitoring/enforcing compliance
- Adapts to provincial licensing framework
- Envisions ride-hailing services as part of the City's Sustainable Mobility Strategy



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