

**MINUTES
CITY OF IQALUIT
TAXI REVIEW COMMITTEE #01
MARCH 13, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

PRESENT

Councillor Kyle Sheppard, Chair
Councillor Methusalah Kunuk, Vice Chair
Alan Webb, Member at Large
John Maurice, Member at Large
Jakub Garbarczyk, Member at Large

ABSENT

Mayor Solomon Awa, Ex Officio Member
Cameron DeLong, Member at Large

PRESENT FROM ADMINISTRATION

Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer - City Staff Resource
Brianna Longworth, City Clerk
Katrina Sarmiento, Deputy City Clerk
Valerie Greene, Executive Assistant
Rod Mugford, Senior Executive Director of Operations and Protective
Services - City Staff Resource

Councillor Sheppard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

TRC 25-01

Moved by: Alan Webb
Seconded by: John Maurice

Adoption of agenda as presented.

Unanimously Carried

1. MINUTES

a) Taxi Advisory Committee Meeting #01 Minutes dated February 1, 2024

TRC 25-02

Moved by: John Maurice
Seconded by: Jakub Garbarczyk

Taxi Advisory Committee Meeting #01 Minutes dated February 1, 2024.

Unanimously Carried

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. DELEGATIONS

a) Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs – Accessible Vehicle Fare – Verbal

Ronnie McGregor, Business Administrator, Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs, was in attendance to make a presentation regarding Accessible Vehicle Fare. The following are the highlights of the presentation:

- Adapted Transport Van is ready to go on the road
- Pick up and drop off times
 - Regular transport – two to five minutes each
 - Adapted transport – five to ten minutes each
- Depending on weather and other issues, the total time for adapted transport is approximately 20 to 40 minutes
- Vehicle for Hire By-law #997 indicates vehicle and driver rental is \$80 per hour
- Suggested that adapted transport be set at \$40
- Requires additional time to explore funding opportunities to subsidize the fare

Alan Webb asked for clarification on adapted transport.

Councillor Sheppard explained that Vehicle for Hire By-law #997 requires a company with a certain number of vehicles to provide an accessible vehicle. He indicated that an accessible vehicle was ready to transport passengers, and a fare must be determined.

John Maurice asked about the accessible vehicle that was donated to the elders and the accessible vehicle at the Tammaativvik Boarding Home.

Councillor Sheppard commented that the Government of Nunavut had provided an accessible van to the elders.

Mr. McGregor advised that both the Tammaativvik Boarding Home and Elders' Qammaq have an accessible van for their own programming.

Councillor Sheppard confirmed that Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs would have an adapted transport van for the general public.

Mr. Webb commented on the proposed fare and suggested that citizens with mobility challenges could pay \$10 and the remaining amount to be subsidized by the City and/or Government of Nunavut.

Councillor Sheppard suggested that the City could explore funding opportunities which may be accessible to a municipal unit, but not a private company.

TRC 25-03

Moved by: Alan Webb

Seconded by: Jakub Garbarczyk

Committee recommends to Council to direct Administration to seek funding to subsidize accessible transport fares, develop an appropriate fee structure using the guideline of \$40 per half hour taxi and driver rental in the Vehicle for Hire By-law #997 Schedule "G" Schedule of Tariffs, and further, that user demand information be collected.

Unanimously Carried

Mr. Maurice asked where the additional funding would come from, as the Government of Nunavut had provided a van to the Elders' Qammaq.

Councillor Sheppard explained that Administration would explore funding options.

Danny Savard, Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs, provided the following information:

- Working with Northern Future Skills Development
- Accessible van has been received
- Awaiting funding to provide the service
- Currently, service is exclusively for elders
- At this time, persons with disabilities are not included in the program
- Will contact Government of Nunavut about providing transport service to everyone that requires an accessible van for transportation

Mr. Maurice asked if the vehicle could be used to transport other passengers when it was not being used for passengers requiring accessible transport.

Mr. Savard advised that the van had limited space and would only be used to provide accessible transport.

Steven Allen, Chief Enforcement Officer, made the following comments:

- Vehicle for Hire By-law # 997 requires Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs to have an accessible vehicle for hire
- Accessible van fare will be more than a taxi
 - Maintenance costs are higher
 - Requires a mature driver who will assist passengers
- Fee structure required
- Funding

4. DEFERRED BUSINESS AND TABLED ITEMS

None

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a) **Nunavut Caribou Tuktu Cabs – Accessible Vehicle Fare – Verbal**

This item was discussed under Delegations.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

TRC 25-04

Moved by: Alan Webb

Seconded by: Jakub Garbarczyk

Committee adjourns at 6:21 p.m.

Unanimously Carried

Councillor Kyle Sheppard
Chair

Steven Allen
Chief Enforcement Officer - City Staff Resource

Approved by the Taxi Review Committee on the ____ day of _____ 2025.

Note:

At the March 24, 2026, City Council Meeting #03, Council unanimously approved Motion No. 26-51, which states:

“Council folds the existing committees of Council into the Governance and Priorities Committee of the Whole.”

Following the restructuring of Taxi Review Committee, the committee no longer meets to approve its minutes, and these minutes were therefore not signed. The Chair has confirmed that they are an accurate record of the proceedings. Administration has also reviewed and confirmed their accuracy.