

*MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE
RESOLUTION*

Date: 4 July 2023

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MOVED BY: _____

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WHEREAS members of Council continue to hear from residents and local businesses about the increasing demand for affordable transportation opportunities and the need for ridesharing applications to begin offering services in the area; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Port Hope currently regulates taxicabs and limousines but does not formally regulate or allow ridesharing apps and other similar fee for service transportation businesses; and

WHEREAS a progressive and accommodating Vehicle for Hire By-law would open up opportunities for improved access to transportation services while also continuing to support the local taxicab industry that currently provides a crucial service to the community; and

WHEREAS communities in Ontario have successfully implemented Vehicle for Hire By-laws that allow and regulate both traditional taxicab services and ridesharing / vehicle for hire services; and

WHEREAS the Town of Cobourg has recently committed to undertaking an expedited review to allow for such opportunities and has committed additional financial resources to having a draft by-law prepared using external legal assistance, and an opportunity exists for the Municipality to participate in that review to the benefit of the broader area; and

WHEREAS a coordinated approach to the regulation of vehicle for hire / ridesharing within both the Municipality of Port Hope and the Town of Cobourg could potentially set a foundation for improved services across Northumberland County,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Municipality of Port Hope hereby directs staff to work with Town of Cobourg staff in reviewing, supporting, and preparing a comprehensive, coordinated Vehicle for Hire By-law for both communities that takes into consideration the needs of the local taxi industry but also allows for vehicle for hire / ridesharing opportunities.

Mayor Olena Hankivsky