

TAXI BYLAW

Pursuant to the powers vested in it by virtue of Section 8 (1)(i) of the Towns and Local Service District Act, and all other powers it enabling, the Town Council of the Town of Wabush in regular session convened on the 24 day of July 2025, hereby passes and enacts the following Bylaw for the operation of taxis and taxi-stands.

1. This Bylaw may be cited as the Town of Wabush Taxi Bylaw.
2. Interpretations: In this Bylaw unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) “Act” means The Towns of Local Service District Act
 - b) “Town” means the Town of Wabush as defined by paragraph 2 of Order-In-Council, dated the 11th day of April A.D., 1967, and made under the said Act.
 - c) “Council” shall mean the Town Council of the Town of Wabush.
 - d) “Inspector” shall mean any person appointed by Council to supervise all vehicles and persons licensed under this Bylaw and to enforce compliance with this Bylaw
 - e) “Taxi or Taxicab” shall mean any vehicle of any description whatever conveying, or for the conveyance of, passengers for hire or compensation and designated to carry not more than the seating capacity of the taxicab in addition to the driver.
 - f) “Suburban Taxicab” shall be a taxicab, or taxis operated by a person or persons outside the municipal boundaries of the Town as defined by this Bylaw and such taxicabs of taxis are licensed by another municipal authority.
 - g) “Hire or Compensation” shall mean and include any money article of value, payment, consideration, reward, tip, profit, donation, or gratuity paid to, accepted, or received by the owner or driver of any taxi in exchange for the transportation of a person or persons, whether paid upon solicitation, demand, or contract or voluntarily or intended as a gratuity or donation.
 - h) “Owner” shall be construed to include every person, firm, or corporation who, or which, has the control, direction, maintenance, and benefit of the collection of revenue derived from the operation of any taxi or taxicabs whether as owners, licensee, or bailee, or in possession under any condition, sale or hire-purchase agreement.
 - i) “Driver” shall include every person in actual charge of the taxicab, whether as owner, agent, licensed servant, or employee of the owner.

- j) "Waiting Time" shall mean the time consumed while the taxi-cab is not in motion at the direction of the passenger or passengers, and also the time consumed waiting for a passenger or passengers after having responded to a call, but no charge shall be made for the time consumed by the premature response to a call, or the first three minutes following the timely arrival at the point of call, or for time lost through traffic delay or resulting from the insufficiency of the taxi-cab or its driver.
- k) "Cruise or Cruising" shall mean the driving in a taxicab on, over and along the streets or public places of the Town in search of or soliciting prospective passengers for transportation in a taxi for compensation.
- l) "Application" - the provisions of this Bylaw shall apply to all taxi cabs applying for hire, used or operated within the limits of the Town and to the owners and drivers of all such taxi cabs.
- m) "Taxi-stand" shall mean the site or place from which licensed taxicabs and drivers shall operate and shall alternate, if necessary, so that a twenty-four (24) hour per day service is provided.

LICENCES

- 3. The owner of any taxicab shall not apply for hire herewith or use or operate the same or cause or allow the same to be used or operated within the Town without having obtained from the Council an operating license in respect of same. Such license shall be in the form determined by the Council. The owner shall, prior to obtaining an operating license, pay a fee as prescribed by 13(a) of this Bylaw unless that fee is waived by a motion of Council.
- 4. No person shall drive or act as the driver of any taxicab applying for hire within the Town without first having obtained from Council, a taxi operator's driving license. Said license to be in the form prescribed by the Council. Prior to the issue of a taxi operator's driving license, such fee as prescribed by 13(a) of this Bylaw shall be paid to the Council unless that fee is waived by a motion of Council.
- 5. No license granted under any of the provisions of this Bylaw may be assigned, transferred, or alienated to any other person or persons, firm, or corporation, by the holder without the written consent of the Council first having been obtained to such transfer or assignment, provided, however, that if the holder of a license dies, or is declared insolvent or makes any assignment for the benefit of creditors, or retires from business, a license for unexpired term of the original license may be issued to a person acquiring his taxicab on the payment of a sum of one dollar (\$1.00) providing that the person so acquiring the taxicab is, in the opinion of the Council, a fit and proper person to receive such license.

6. No Taxicab vehicle license shall be issued until there is a certified copy of a policy of passenger liability insurance issued by an insurance company insuring the applicant in respect of bodily injury to or the death of a passenger or passengers of the taxicab.
7.
 - a) Every owner of a taxicab requiring to be licensed under this Bylaw shall be obliged to take out a separate taxicab license for each taxicab owned by such person, firm, or corporation.
 - b) Notwithstanding, subsection (a), Council may, by motion of Council, waive this requirement when it is in the best interest of the Town to do so.
8.
 - a) No license shall be granted under this Bylaw to any person who is not, in the opinion of the Council, a fit and proper person to receive the license for which the application is made. The enquiry will be made on behalf of the Council concerning the fitness of an applicant for license under this Bylaw.
 - b) Anyone who possesses a current taxi driver's license and is convicted of a criminal charge shall have his or her license revoked immediately.
 - c) The applicant shall provide a Letter of Conduct from the Province the applicant has resided in for the past 10 years.
 - d) Every owner shall require that any person driving a taxicab shall submit a record of conduct to the stand Owner and such persons shall be a fit and proper person to conduct themselves in a manner to ensure public trust.
9. Taxi licenses may be issued to suburban taxicabs at the discretion of council and Council may attach any condition to such licenses as it deems necessary.
10. No taxi-driving license shall be issued under this Bylaw to any person certified as being incapacitated by a doctor.
11. Any person desiring a license to operate a taxi within the Town under this Bylaw shall file an application with the Council. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as the Council shall decide and may require applicants to make full disclosure as to extent, character and quality of such operations, age, name and address, type, model and capacity of the vehicle or vehicles for which license or licenses are required, and such additional information as the Council requests. Every application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Council's agent or inspector certifying that the taxicab or taxicabs for which license or licenses are required, have been duly inspected and approved as meeting the requirements of this Bylaw.
12. The Council may, from time to time, fix and alter the total number of taxicabs which may be licensed under this Bylaw. Thereafter no licenses in excess of the number fixed shall be issued by Council.

13. a) The prescribed fees for licenses to be issued under this Bylaw are as follows:

Operating License	\$ 25.00
License for a Taxicab	\$ 40.00
License for a Taxi-Driver	\$ 20.00

b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), Council may, by motion of Council, set a basic charge for suburban taxis in lieu of the prescribed fees and where such a basic charge is imposed Council may attach such conditions as it deems necessary to such licenses granted under the basic charge.

14. Every license shall be an annual license and shall run from the 1st day of January to the 31st Day of December in each year.

15. The taxicabs shall be at all times furnished and equipped with all appliances and fittings necessary for the safe and comfortable transportation of passengers, and as required in the interest of public safety.

16. Owners of taxi-cabs shall keep the interior and exterior of their vehicles in a clean and sanitary condition, and when reasonably requested to do so by Council or its agent, will submit their vehicle inspection on behalf of the Council and whenever the owner of taxi-cab receives written notice from the Council or its agent that such taxi-cab is not in a fit and proper condition for use, stating briefly the items complained of, the owner shall, remove the taxicab from service immediately and rectify such deficiencies as described in the complaint. The owner shall keep the taxicab at all times equipped with all appliances required under the Highway Traffic Act, such as mufflers, emergency brakes, lights and rear-view mirror.

17. All taxicabs licensed under this Bylaw shall display a card issued by the Council bearing the words "Licensed Taxi". The Town of Wabush followed by a number. They will also display a distinctive illuminated sign on the roof of the taxicab. This sign shall be illuminated when the taxicab is vacant of passengers and shall not be illuminated when passengers occupy the taxicab.

18. No driver shall smoke or vape while operating a taxicab. All licensed taxicabs shall display a 'No Smoking/Vaping' sign in the window of their taxicab.

19. All Taxi license holders and drivers shall, at all times, obey the orders of any member of the RNC, RCMP, and/or inspector appointed by Council.

20. No Driver shall take, consume, or have in his/her possession any alcohol while he/she is in charge of a taxicab, nor shall the use of alcohol by the driver be apparent while he/she is in charge of the taxicab. Provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall prevent a driver from purchasing and delivering alcohol during the hours that stores are open for business and one hour immediately following the closing of such stores, to a person nineteen (19) years of age or to his/her own residence.

21. The owner or driver of a taxicab may refuse to provide or continue transportation to any person who is intoxicated or in an unfit condition or who is conducting themselves in a disorderly manner or using profane language, and if such person is then in the taxicab, the driver may drive his/her taxicab to the nearest police station, anything herein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.
22. No owner or driver of a taxicab licensed under this Bylaw shall cruise on, over or along any of the streets or public places of the Town with the taxicab for the purpose of obtaining fares; provided, however, that upon condition of, or returning from any call, a taxi-cab operator, upon being signaled or hailed by a prospective fare may hire themselves to such passenger or passengers.
23. The owner of any taxicab in respect of which a license has been issued under this Bylaw, shall, when required, submit the taxicab for examination by the inspector, and no owner or driver shall, at any time, when the taxicab driver is not employed, prevent or hinder the inspector from entering the garage or other building for the purpose of making such examination.
24.
 - a) When any licensed taxi-cab owner disposes of a taxicab he/she shall immediately notify the Council.
 - b) Replacement vehicles shall be submitted for inspection by the inspector prior to use as a taxicab.
 - c) Any vehicle disposed of by a licensed owner shall immediately cease to be classified as a taxicab, within the meaning of this Bylaw.
25. No licensed owner of any taxicab shall employ any person other than a licensed driver with a Class 4 license or permit such taxicab to be driven or placed upon any stand, by an unlicensed driver.
26.
 - a) The fares to be charged for transportation by owners and operators of taxicabs within the limits of the Town shall be those set forth in Schedule A of this Bylaw.
 - b) All taxicabs licensed under this Bylaw shall be equipped with a fare meter approved by Council. The meter shall be started at the commencement of each journey and shall be stopped immediately upon arrival at the destination of the passengers. The meter shall be sealed at all times, the seal to be removed only upon application to the Council in order to effect repairs. Tariff cards shall be displayed in all taxicabs licensed under this Bylaw.
 - c) Notwithstanding subsection a) and b) Council may set a flat rate fare in relation to taxis operating from the Wabush Airport.
 - d) When any owner employs a driver, he/she shall notify the inspector or Council prior to the driver operating a taxicab. When any driver leaves the employ of an owner, the owner shall notify the inspector of Council within forty-eight (48) hours.

- e) As many passengers up to the seating capacity of the taxicab shall be carried or transported for the fares or prices as fixed by Schedule A of this Bylaw, but no driver or owner shall carry or permit to be carried in a taxicab at any time a greater number of passengers than the designated seating capacity of the vehicle as fixed by the Council or its inspector.
- f) The rates or fares to be charged by the owners or drivers of taxicabs for transportation of a passenger or passengers on any trip shall be exactly in accordance with the tariff or fares shown in Schedule A of this Bylaw and no rates or fares higher or lower than those shown in the said Schedule shall be charged or payable.
- g) No owner or driver licensed under this Bylaw shall use a tariff or demand or receive any rate or charge which is not in accordance with this Bylaw.
- h) The Council may, at its discretion, cancel the operation and/or taxi-driving license of any person, firm, or corporation contravening this Bylaw.

TAXI STANDS

- i) Every person, firm or corporation operating any taxi or taxicabs shall maintain a fixed place of business at a location approved by the Council and shall not operate any taxi or taxicabs from any other place within the Town.
- j) An owner operating a taxicab business from an approved stand shall be permitted to operate taxicabs whose licensed drivers are not solely occupied in the driving of a taxicab (commonly referred to as part-time).

SUBURBAN TAXI-CABS

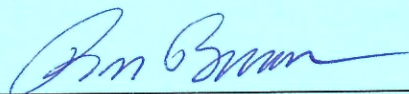
- k) No person shall operate or use a suburban taxicab for the transportation of passengers on any trip which commences and terminates within the Town unless the suburban taxicab has been licensed by Council.
- l) Any operator of an unlicensed suburban taxicab soliciting a passenger or passengers or carrying such passenger or passengers for compensation within the Town shall be subject to the penalties set forth in this Bylaw.
- m)
 - a) No taxi or taxicab will be licensed under this Bylaw unless they hold a valid insurance policy.
 - b) Taxi-cab owners licensed under this Bylaw shall be required to notify the Council immediately if any change is made in the status of the insurance policy which must cover the driver, passenger and passengers, property of the passenger or passengers and public liability.

PENALTIES

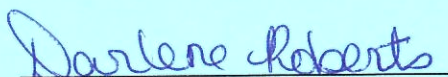
- n) The Council shall have the power to suspend or revoke any or all licenses granted under this Bylaw whenever the provisions hereof have been violated.
Before revocation of any license, the holder of such license shall be entitled to a hearing before Council. Notice of such hearing on revocation or suspension of a license shall be served in writing to the holder of such license at least five (5) days prior to the date of the hearing, thereon setting the date, place, and time of the hearing.
- o) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence as per section 290(1)(a) and Section 290(1)(b) of the Towns and Local Services District Act.
- p) Notwithstanding anything contained in this Bylaw, no owner or driver shall be exempt from compliance with the provisions set forth in the Motor Carriers Act.
- q) This Bylaw shall come into effect on the 24 day of July 2025 and may be cited as the Town of Wabush Taxi Bylaw.
- r) All previous Taxi Regulations are hereby repealed.

In Witness Whereof the seal of the

Town of Wabush has been affixed herewith
and the Mayor and the Town Clerk have
signed this Bylaw on behalf of the
Wabush Town Council this 24 day of
July 2025.



Ron Barron Mayor


Witness

Tiffanee Rideout
Town Clerk/Director of Finance

**SCHEDULE A
TOWN OF WABUSH TAXI RATES**

Meter Starting Rate - \$ 6.10

For each 1/25.0 km or part thereof - \$0.10 (2.50/km)

Waiting time at request of passenger while under engagement - \$0.66/minute (39.50/hr)

Flat Rates

Town Taxi to/from Wabush Airport – \$21.00

Town Taxi to/from Fermont - \$90.00

Town Taxi to/from Mt. Wright -\$140.00

Town Taxi to/from Harrie Lake Subdivision to Airport

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