THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR INFORMATION:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

(i) Item 5.2 - Mr. Rudolph has a conflict with today’s meeting and has requested that he be added to the next agenda.

(Collins/Morelli)
That the Agenda for the June 9, 2010 meeting of the Taxi Reform Sub-committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.
(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

3.1 October 22, 2009

(Collins/Morelli)

That the Minutes of the March 26, 2009 meeting of the Taxi Reform Sub-committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

4.1 Jaswinder Bedi, Cab Drivers Association of Hamilton, respecting Licensing Issues of the Taxis in Hamilton and Concerns regarding the Issuance of Taxi Cab Owner Plates (no copy)

At the meeting the delegates withdrew and Mr. Leibovitch and Mr. Ejaz Butt spoke on their behalf.

(e) Peter Leibovitch, President, iTaxiworkers, respecting the Recommendations of the iTaxiworkers’ Association (Item 5.1)

Some of the items discussed by Mr. Peter Leibovitch and Mr. Ejaz Butt were, but are not limited to, the following:

- The mandatory implementation of camera’s in taxicabs;
- Unfair treatment by the brokers;
- The “one plate – one owner” issuance method for taxicab owner plates was proposed.
- Fair and equal dispatch services by brokers.
- Black market sale of taxicab owner plates;

(f) Manfred Rudolph, Rudolph Law Office, respecting Proposed Amendments to the Licensing Code By-law 07-170 to Permit the Issuance of Taxi Cab Owner Plates (Item 5.2)

Mr. Rudolph was unable to attend; therefore, this matter will be placed on the next agenda of the Taxi Reform Sub-committee.
(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 8)

(Morelli/Collins)
The Taxi Reform Sub-committee meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor S. Merulla
Chair, Taxi Reform Sub-committee

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June 9, 2010