



## Corporation of the Township of Brock

### Staff Report to the Members of Council

**From:** Maralee Drake

**Position:** Deputy Clerk

**Title / Subject:** Proposed Amendments to the Taxicab Bylaw

**Date of Meeting:** January 12, 2026

**Report No:** 2026-GG-001

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#### 1.0 Issue / Origin

Amendments are being proposed to the Taxicab Bylaw to increase the availability of transportation within the municipality.

#### 2.0 Background

Section 156 (1) of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, permits municipalities to license taxicabs.

Working with the Durham Region Accessibility Coordinators, a cross-municipal Accessible Taxi Survey was launched in Fall 2024. The survey received 148 responses, and the results are summarized in Appendix 2 to this report.

While the other local municipalities across the Region have amended their taxi bylaws to specifically open borders for improved access to accessible transportation, staff are recommending a full update to the Township of Brock Taxi Bylaw to permit cross border services for all taxis.

#### 3.0 Analysis

In consultation with the Deputy CAO/Clerk, Bylaw Supervisor and Clerks of neighbouring municipalities, staff propose the removal of the requirement for a licence from the Township of Brock for a taxi company to conduct pickups and drop offs within the municipality. Taxi companies will be required to hold a valid licence from another municipality to conduct their business, and licensing procedures will remain in place for any company that wishes to obtain a licence from the Township.

The current Taxi Bylaw does not permit licensed taxicabs to cross municipal boundaries to pick up a fare, which poses barriers for individuals who require cross-boundary transportation.

This new provision will support consistent and equitable transportation options for all residents of the Region and is intended to enhance the availability and accessibility of transportation services.

The proposed changes are facilitated through repealing the current Taxi Bylaw (2381-2011-PP) and implementing By-law 3390-2026 (attached as Appendix 1 to this report). Staff bring forth this recommendation to permit cross jurisdictional transportation for licensed taxi vehicles, to serve all individuals in the municipality.

The Taxi Bylaw is enforced on a complaint basis. Should a resident submit a complaint to the municipality about a taxi company or driver, By-law Officers will work with the area and neighbouring municipalities.

#### **4.0 Related Policies / Procedures**

[Taxicab By-law 2381-2011-PP](#)

[Taxi Licenses](#)

#### **5.0 Financial / Budget Assessment**

Licensing fees for Taxicabs are adopted by Council annually in the [Fees Bylaw](#).

This is not expected to have any financial impact as the municipality has not had any licensed taxi companies since spring of 2021.

#### **6.0 Asset Management**

N/A

#### **7.0 Climate Change Impacts**

N/A

#### **8.0 Communications**

If approved by Council, the new Taxi Bylaw will be updated on the website and available for the public to view. Regional and neighbouring municipalities will be notified of the amendments to the Taxicab bylaw and encouraged to share this information with their licensed operators.

#### **9.0 Conclusion**

Amending the Taxi Bylaw to permit cross border pickups provides our residents with transportation options beyond use of private vehicles and the new DRT Route 618 and gives further flexibility to travel across the region.

#### **10.0 Recommendation**

Be It Resolved that Report 2026-GG-001 be received; and

That Council approve Taxi Bylaw 3390-2026 as contained within Appendix 1 to the report.