

Background

The province has put forward legislation in *Bill 30 – The Local Vehicles for Hire Act* which proposes to see the regulation of vehicles for hire be transferred from the Province of Manitoba to the City of Winnipeg on February 28, 2018. As a result, the City has begun the steps necessary to draft a new Vehicles-for-Hire By-law.

In December 2016, the Government of Manitoba published MNP LLP's report on Winnipeg Taxicab Services along with 40 recommendations for improving the vehicles for hire industry. MNP LLP surveyed 9,215 consumers online and 500 in a telephone survey. Study findings indicated "the public feels more supply is needed, particularly during winter months, peak periods of the day/evening and after special events."

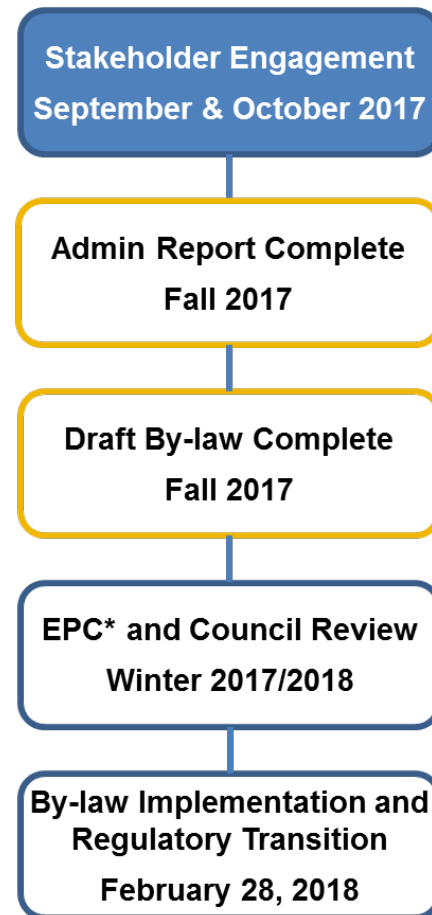
Approach

The City intends to modernize and streamline the regulation of the vehicles-for-hire industry through a new by-law, setting minimum standards so the citizens of Winnipeg and visitors receive quality vehicle-for-hire services. The City plans for the new Vehicles-for-Hire By-law to include taxicabs, limousines, accessible transport vehicles, and Transportation Network Companies (TNC) like Uber and Lyft. Input from stakeholders of the vehicles-for-hire industry is critical to shaping the content of the new by-law.

The City plans for the policies and regulations in the new Vehicles-for-Hire By-law to have four objectives, and to set and maintain minimum standards for:

1. Passenger Safety;
2. Driver Safety;
3. Consumer Protection, and;
4. Accessibility

Timeline



* Executive Policy Committee

Next Steps

Targeted stakeholder engagement sessions are being held in September and October 2017.

Once targeted stakeholder engagement is complete, an administrative report and draft by-law will be developed and submitted to Executive Policy Committee and Council for approval in late Fall/Winter 2017/2018. A stakeholder engagement report will also be made available.