



Regional Board Report

TO: Regional Board

FROM: Brian Reardon
Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: August 2, 2019

SUBJECT: Amendment to RDCO Letters Patent – Restrictions on Authority to Regulate Passenger Directed Vehicles

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Unweighted Corporate Vote – Simple Majority – LGA 208.1*

Purpose: To inform the Board of changes to the Regional District's Supplementary Letters Patent regarding ride-sharing.

Executive Summary:

At the request of Provincial Officials, RDCO staff entered discussions regarding ride-hailing regulations and the requirement for the Regional District's Supplementary Letters Patent regarding Business Licensing and Transportation Demand Management to be amended. As a result, the Province on July 8, 2019 approved B.C. Reg. 163/2019 (attached). The changes to RDCO regulations include:

1. Updating outdated references to the *Local Government Act*, to ensure RDCO's business licensing power reference the current equivalents in the *Local Government Act* and the *Community Charter*, and
2. Preventing the Regional District from regulating the supply or operating area of passenger directed vehicles (either through RDCO's business licensing or transport demand management powers), for consistency with the limitations being placed on all local governments in British Columbia.

B.C. Reg. 163/2019 brings RDCO ride-sharing powers into alignment with all other local governments in British Columbia and only applies to the electoral areas within the RDCO.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Order in Council No. 416, RDCO Regulation B.C. Reg.163/2019 regarding restrictions on authority to regulate passenger directed vehicles (ride-sharing) be received for information.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Reardon".

Brian Reardon, CAO

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Attachment(s): B.C. Reg 163/2019