

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **ILLEGAL TAXIS**

**HAWKESBURY, ONTARIO** - The General Government Services Committee discussed at its last meeting the situation concerning the taxi industry within the Town of Hawkesbury.

It is with the concern for its inhabitants' safety in mind and to ensure uniformity within the industry, that the Town of Hawkesbury has been regulating the taxi business for decades.

“The goal of this by-law is to ensure that people using taxis are safe and pay an amount that is fair and equal. We ask for proof of insurance, vehicles have to be inspected on a regular basis, taximeters used and taxi drivers must obtain a permit and before these permits are issued, we check for their criminal background” explains the Committee President Michel Thibodeau.

However, it seems that some people offer their transport services against compensation, coming completely against the Taxi By-law N° 37-2004.

“It is unfortunate that some of our residents are using the services of these illegal taxis without knowing who they are, in what condition vehicles are and if they have any insurance to protect them in case of an accident” he continues.

Legal actions will be undertaken against and severe fines issued to anyone contravening to the Taxi By-law.

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