



WEST HANTS
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Honourable Lloyd Hines
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
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Honourable Minister Hines,

At a meeting of Council on February 11, 2020, discussion took place surrounding the many factors affecting rural transportation, not only in our region but across the Province. There is a clear demand in rural areas for any type of transportation solution and providing that solution is a strategic priority for our Municipality.

West Hants Council is requesting the Province consider amending the Motor Vehicle Act to allow drivers of ride sharing services and taxi drivers to provide their services on a Class 5 license. Current Provincial legislation limits the ability of ride sharing service providers to offer transportation options.

We are also asking that the legalisation be changed so that a per ride fee on ride sharing services could be charged. This change would create a new revenue source for the Municipality and lower the tax burden for our residents.

We appreciate your consideration on this request as this change would ultimately facilitate more options for rural transportation.

Sincerely,

Warden Zebian
Warden, Municipality of the District of West Hants

cc. MLA Chuck Porter
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