

**COMMUNICATION 136042**

**Received From:** Stacey Blair, Clerk  
**Addressed To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Date:** April 22, 2025  
**Topic:** Application for New Taxi Operator

**BACKGROUND**

The Clerk's Office has received an application for a new Taxicab Operator's Licence under By-law 82-2020, being a by-law to licence, regulate and govern operators and drivers of taxicabs in the Town of Carleton Place. The applicant, Muhammet Ergun, Manager and Co-founder of Comfort Taxi, has submitted the required documentation, insurance certificate, and application form as per Section 4.1 of the By-law.

As per Section 4.2 of By-law 82-2020, all new applications must be reviewed by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and presented to Council to demonstrate that the proposed operator is necessary. The OPP has reviewed the application and has confirmed that they have no concerns with respect to the applicant or the proposed operation.

**COMMENT**

Staff are satisfied that the application submitted by Mr. Ergun is complete and meets the criteria set out in the Taxi By-law. The applicant has indicated his intention to operate under the business name *Comfort Taxi*. The OPP review was completed with no objections, and there is no indication that the proposed service would negatively impact the existing taxi service or community needs. The company is proposing to have three (3) drivers and will be operating two (2) late model Toyota RAV4 sport utility vehicles.

Although further Council approval is not required, the applicant shall be advised that Taxi Operators are required to reapply for their Operator Licence each year.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

All applicable licensing fees have been paid in accordance with the Town's Fees and Charges By-law.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

THAT Council approve the issuance of a 2025 Taxicab Operator's Licence to Muhammet Ergun, Manager and Co-founder of Comfort Taxi, subject to compliance with the provisions of By-law 82-2020; and

THAT staff be directed to issue the licence upon confirmation of compliance.