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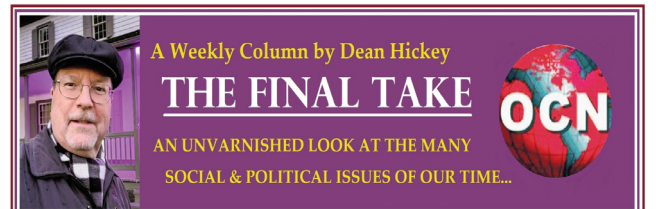
Easier access to wheelchair-friendly taxis coming to Oshawa

Oshawa residents will soon find it easier to book wheelchair-accessible taxicabs thanks to an amendment to the City's [\[media-manager/media-pages/by-law-library/vehicle-for-hire/\]](#)Vehicle-for-Hire By-law 31-2022, with a newly-established intermunicipal exemption aimed at expanding service options for people with mobility needs.

The City of Oshawa, along with several neighbouring municipalities have approved an intermunicipal exemption that allows wheelchair-accessible taxicabs licensed in any Durham municipality to pick up passengers in any participating municipality, including Oshawa, and transport them to any destination. The following municipalities have currently approved an intermunicipal exemption: Oshawa, Ajax, Clarington, Pickering, Uxbridge and Whitby.

The new exemption aims to increase the availability of accessible transportation by giving drivers more opportunities to accept fares across the region. Under the new rules, the exemption applies only to wheelchair-accessible taxis and vehicles must hold a valid taxicab licence from a participating Durham Region municipality while continuing to meet all safety and accessibility standards. Trips must begin in a municipality that has adopted the exemption.

The change reflects a shared regional commitment to improving mobility and reducing barriers for residents who rely on accessible transportation.



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*Whereas with Oshawa Council, it's a fact
Our deepest fear is for us not to act
In meaningful ways beyond compare,
As there's so much good we can share.*

And, whereas this council must ask itself
How can we place pride upon the shelf
And accept that there is room to grow
As only members of our council can know?

And, whereas we need not wonder
How divergent views can come together.
For we each bear the glory of God within
And with that in mind we'll soon begin
A brand new year - a new opportunity
To be the best we were made to be.

Therefore, be it resolved this Christmas Eve,
Whether or not we truly believe,
That Council seek guidance from one
Who has the power to see good will done,
As we strive to let our collective light glow
Over a city that we're all proud to know.

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