



**Calgary**

Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

February 24, 2025

The Honourable Nate Horner, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance  
307 Legislature Building,  
10800 - 97 Avenue,  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Horner,

**RE: Taxi Industry Insurance Reforms**

Calgary's vehicle-for-hire industry continues its rapid pace of growth. Recently, Calgary City Council made several changes to our vehicle-for-hire bylaw to ensure that local regulations and policy keep pace of the industry's evolution. Similarly, I know your government has taken steps, including the recent commitment to auto insurance reform, to ensure that the system is more affordable and stable into the future.

While vehicle-for-hire trips continue to set records, taxi trip volumes in Calgary are decreasing at a rapid pace. Taxi trips are approximately half of what they were in 2016 meanwhile transportation network company trips (ie. Uber and Lyft) have more than doubled during that same period. Taxis now make up less than 20 per cent of the total vehicle-for-hire trip volumes in the city. Undoubtedly this shift has had multiple causes, but taxi industry representatives have cited the disparity in insurance requirements and its cost as an exacerbating factor. Calgary Council has worked towards levelling requirements between the taxi industry and transportation network companies. We now look to your government for support in addressing the high and disparate cost of insurance.

The City of Calgary requests the Government of Alberta support the taxi industry by undertaking reforms to the Insurance Act to align insurance requirements with that of transportation network companies. This work would align well with your ongoing reform to auto insurance and the commitment in your mandate letter to make insurance more affordable for Albertans. Your government shares our interest in reducing costs, cutting red tape and promoting small business. We welcome opportunities to work with you to support the livelihoods of Calgarians.

Please reach out to my office should you have any questions and to discuss advancing this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jyoti Gondek', written in a cursive style.

Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor, The City of Calgary