

Passenger  
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# Bulletin

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The *Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin* is published weekly on the web site of the Passenger Transportation Board. Printed copies are available directly from the Passenger Transportation Board at the address above.

The *PT Board Bulletin* gives notice of the applications for special authorization that have been received by the Board, the determinations the Board makes on those applications, as well as appeals from enforcement orders of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. Board Advisories may also be published in the *PT Board Bulletin* to update the public and commercial passenger transportation industry on Board initiatives and changes to Board rules or procedure and policy guidelines.

**Date:** March 8, 2006

**Subject:** ***Invitation for Industry Comment on the Board's Draft Materials to Assist Special Authorization Applicants***

**Advisory:** The Passenger Transportation Board has drafted new materials to assist applicants who are applying for a new or amended special authorization. On Friday March 10, 2006, the drafts will be posted at the Board web site for advance review and comment by the people and companies who make special authorization applications to the Board. Go to [www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/information.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/information.htm).

With these materials, the Board seeks to provide applicants with a clearer understanding of Board information requirements.

Prior to launching these materials, the Board is inviting comment on how well the materials explain the application process and Board information requirements.

The following draft documents are being posted on the Board website:

- an "Application Handbook" that explains Board application processes and requirements.
- a package of forms for PDV applicants
- a package of forms for ICB applicants
- a package of optional forms

The Board is looking for comment and input on the clarity, ease of understanding, ease of reading and potential usefulness of the information. The Board is not looking for comments on the Board's mandate, application requirements or on the processes that applications must go through. Many of these, including the mandate, relate to requirements of the Passenger Transportation Act and cannot be changed by the Board.

The draft materials seek to consolidate and explain current Board policy and considerations. The introduction of these information requirements is being coordinated with the Registrar of Passenger Transportation, who remains responsible for receiving all applications.

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The Board will review all comments received and make any changes that improve the clarity and format of the material. These new application materials may be implemented as soon as early-to-mid April 2006.

Please review the Board's draft materials, and send your comments and suggestions to the PT Board office by **Monday March 27, 2006**.

**Current  
Application  
Forms &  
Requirements**

Current application forms and requirements are available from the Passenger Transportation Branch and the website for the Registrar of Passenger Transportation <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/rpt/index.htm>. These materials remain in effect.

**Until the Registrar of Passenger Transportation replaces any existing application materials applicants are to continue using the existing application forms and materials.**

**Reference:**

Draft application materials will be available at the Board web site from March 10 until March 27, 2006. They can be viewed on the "Information" page at [www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/information.htm](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/ptb/information.htm).

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## Part 1: Applications Received

Applications in which special authorization is sought are published in Part 1 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Application</b>	<b>Deadline for Submissions</b>
3162-05	<b>Avant Garde Transportation Ltd.</b> Surrey BC	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV)</b> Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Licence Districts 9A, 14, 14A and 15 with a maximum fleet size of 1 vehicle that accommodates a driver and 9 passengers.	March 23, 2006
T277-06	<b>Griffin Transportation Services Inc.</b> Vancouver BC  dba Griffin Transportation	<b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	March 18, 2006
T276-06	<b>New Pacific Limousine (2000) Service Ltd.</b> Vancouver BC  dba New Pacific Limousine	<b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	March 18, 2006
301-06	<b>Seaport Limousine Ltd.</b> Stewart BC	<b>Amendment of Licence (ICB)</b> Seaport Limousines Ltd. is applying to the Passenger Transportation Board to amend its licence (Part I of the special authorization portion) by reducing the minimum route frequency for its inter-city bus route that operates between Stewart and Terrace. The applicant proposes a reduction from 5 trips weekly (in each direction) to 3 trips weekly (in each direction).	April 21, 2006
292-06	<b>Teco Taxi Ltd.</b> Fort St. John BC	<b>Amendment of Licence (PDV)</b> Proposed addition of Service 4 with the <i>originating area</i> "from any point in the District of Chetwynd and 40 road kilometers from the District of Chetwynd".  Proposed addition of Service 4 <i>destination area</i> of "any point in British Columbia and beyond the British Columbia border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking."  Proposed addition of Service 5 with the <i>originating area</i> "from any point in the District of Chetwynd".  Proposed addition of Service 5 <i>destination area</i> "to any point in Licence District 16 or 21".  Reverse trip authority for Services 4 and 5.  <b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 16 to 22 vehicles.	March 23, 2006
T291-06	<b>Vancouver Limousine Service (1995) Inc.</b> Vancouver BC	<b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Proposed increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	March 18, 2006

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**Submissions:**

Any person may make a submission on an application to the Passenger Transportation Board. Submissions should relate to the following matters that the Board must consider (see section 28 of the Passenger Transportation Act):

- (a) *whether there is a public need for the service the applicant proposes to provide under any special authorization;*
- (b) *whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to provide that service and is capable of providing that service; and*
- (c) *whether the application, if granted, would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business in British Columbia.*

All submissions must be:

- *in writing*
- *accompanied by a \$50 fee (payable only by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance)*
- *received at the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. within 15 days of the PT Board Bulletin publication date (10 days for Change of Rates applications).*

*All information that a person submits on an application is routinely disclosed by the Board to the applicant. Any person who gathers and submits personal information from third parties is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act and should not guarantee the confidentiality of the information being submitted.*

*Within 10 days of when a submission is forwarded by the Board to the applicant, the applicant may reply by sending written comments to the Board.*

## Part 2: Application Decisions

Board decisions on applications for special authorization are published in Part 2 of the *PT Board Bulletin*. To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Brief Summary of Application</b>	<b>Decision</b>
2791-05	<b>Alberni District United Cabs Assn.</b> Port Alberni BC (transferee)  <b>CHOPRA, Hira Lal</b> Port Alberni BC (transferor)	<b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b> Transfer of passenger transportation licence 70552 from Hira Lal CHOPRA to Alberni District United Cabs Association.	Approved
489-06 UPN	<b>CAMPBELL, Dawneen</b> Dawson Creek BC  dba Bear Mountain Oilfield Services	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV) – Urgent Public Need</b> Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Dawson Creek with a maximum fleet size of 3 four wheel drive vehicles that can accommodate a driver and 7 passengers.	Approved
T3102-05	<b>DAVENPORT, David</b> Brentwood Bay BC  dba Pacific Companion Services	<b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved as set out in Decision

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2744-05 & T3095-05	<b>LAWSON, James Alan</b> Victoria BC dba Royal Limousine & Van Service	<b>Amendment of Licence (PDV)</b> Amendment to expand the <i>vehicle capacity</i> to include vehicles that can accommodate a driver and not less than 4 and not more than 11 passengers.  <b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Introduction of proposed new rates for services the applicant proposes in the amendment of licence application.  <b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 5 to 6 vehicles.  <b>Change of Rates (PDV)</b> Increase in rates that were previously approved or set by the Board.	Approved as set out in Decision
2744-05 & T3095-05 (amended)			
2719-05	<b>QM Transport Ltd.</b> Langley BC	<b>Amendment of Licence (PDV)</b> Amendment of the <i>destination area</i> for Service by adding "Transportation of passengers may terminate at any point in British Columbia and at points beyond any British Columbia border when engaged in an extra-provincial undertaking."  <b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 2 to 5.	Approved
3047-05	<b>Oulus Aboriginal Tours Inc.</b> West Vancouver BC	<b>Amendment of Licence (ICB)</b> Amendment to add a new special authorization to operate inter-city buses under an <i>engaged carrier authorization</i> .	Approved

## Part 3: Hearing Notices

### Notice of Application Hearing – New Hearing Date

Application	Applicant	Hearing Information
1935-05 (application)	<b>Green Valley Taxi Ltd.</b> Abbotsford BC	<a href="#">1935-05 Notice of Hearing</a> Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2006 to Friday, March 31, 2006 Time: 9:00 a.m. Place: Coast Abbotsford Hotel & Suites 2020 Sumas Way Abbotsford BC V2S 2C7

## Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

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Part 5: Decisions Whether Application for General  
Authorization Requires Special Authorization

None

Part 6: Taxi Cost Index (TCI) Requests

None