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# Passenger Transportation Board Bulletin

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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.

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# Industry Advisory

## Changes to the Eco-Friendly Taxi Policy

On May 16, 2007 the Board announced its "Eco-Friendly Taxi" policy. This policy was adopted following receipt of a letter from the Minister of Transportation advising the Board of the government's greenhouse gas reduction policy and directing the Board to consider the government's policy in its decisions and, specifically to implement an eco-friendly taxi policy in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Under this policy, if the Board approves a taxi application that increases the supply tax in the GVRD or CRD the Board will require that the vehicles must be eco-friendly unless the vehicles are accessible taxis.

An eco-friendly vehicle is defined as follows:

- Vehicles eligible under the federal ecoAUTO rebate program, as updated from year to year.  
<http://www.tc.gc.ca/programs/environment/ecotransport/ecoauto.htm>
- Vehicles that are model years 2005 and newer and eligible for the provincial sales tax concessions because they are alternative fuel vehicles.
- 6 to 7 passenger vans which are federal Energuide fuel efficiency award winners for in the year in which the vehicle is being approved.  
<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/transportation/personal/pdfs/most-efficient-vehicles-2007.pdf>  
Note: The Board may limit the number of vans operated.

The response from industry to this policy has generally been positive. Industry recognizes that use of such vehicles makes good economic and environmental sense. Two areas of the policy have caused some concern for industry.

### *2005 Pre-owned or Previously Leased Hybrids*

One concern is that, under a strict interpretation of the policy, pre-owned or previously leased 2005 hybrids may not be acceptable as eco-friendly vehicles. The provincial sales tax concession states that its policy only applies if the vehicle is a new vehicle (i.e. the vehicle has not, since its manufacture, been sold or leased at a retail sale or retail lease). The Board's rationale for introducing its eco-friendly taxi policy is to increase the use eco-friendly vehicles. Requiring a vehicle to be new is not critical to the Board's goal. Therefore, the Board will accept 2005 pre-owned or leased hybrids as eco-friendly taxis as long as the vehicle has not previously been issued any identifiers under the Passenger Transportation Act.

### *2006 or 2007 Toyota Corollas with an Automatic Transmission*

The second concern is that only 2006 & 2007 Toyota Corollas with manual transmissions are listed on the federal ecoAuto list. A 2006 & 2007 Toyota Corolla with an automatic transmission is not listed and thus not eligible as an eco-friendly taxi.

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The BC Taxi Association advises that manual cars are not operated by the taxi industry in BC. Very few drivers are trained in manual cars. Most drivers for a class IV licence are trained and qualified on automatic cars. Therefore, requiring use of manual cars could create safety issues or reduce the number of cabs available, if qualified drivers are not obtainable. A number of BCTA companies currently use Toyota Corolla automatics and they are found to be cost effective.

According to the "Fuel Consumption Ratings – Results" published by the Federal "Office of Energy Efficiency", the 2007 Corolla automatic has the best city mileage consumption of all compact automatic cars that are not hybrids. Given that drivers are more comfortable with cars with automatic transmissions and that Toyota Corollas are moderately sized passenger vehicles with very good fuel consumption, the Board will modify its eco-friendly taxi policy to permit the use of 2006 & 2007 Toyota Corollas with automatic transmissions.

The Board continues to support the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. In its application of the eco-friendly taxi policy, the Board must consider what is reasonable and realistic. These two changes to the Board's policy are in keeping with the spirit and goal of the original policy. They also provide more flexibility to industry and do not compromise passenger safety.

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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>
AV1001-07	<b>Aces &amp; Eights Holdings Ltd.</b> Nanaimo BC	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Proposed addition of 1 motor vehicle to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 1 to 2 vehicles.	July 26, 2007
1123-07	<b>KELLY, Guy Nelson Elmer</b> Lumby BC  dba Kelly's Limousine Services	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV)</b> Proposed new special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Lumby with a maximum fleet size of 3 limousines that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 10 passengers.	July 26, 2007

### ***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.

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## 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>
1123-07 UPN	<b>KELLY, Guy Nelson Elmer</b> Lumby BC  dba Kelly's Limousine Services	<b>New Special Authorization (PDV) – Urgent Public Need</b> New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles in Lumby with a maximum fleet size of 3 limousines that accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 10 passengers.	(i) Claim of urgent public need refused.  (ii) Application must be published and submissions accepted before application is considered by the Board.
AV2898-06	<b>North Shore Taxi (1996) Ltd.</b> North Vancouver BC  dba Northshore Taxi & Cadillac Cabs	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 89 of which 82 may be non-accessible to 114, of which 102 may be non-accessible.	Approved in Part
724-07	<b>Penticton Klassic Kabs Ltd.</b> Penticton BC (transferee)  <b>Lake City Cabs Ltd.</b> Penticton BC (transferor)	<b>Transfer of Licence (PDV)</b> Transfer of passenger transportation licence 70747 from Lake City Cabs Ltd. to Penticton Klassic Kabs Ltd.	Approved
AV2727-06	<b>Sunshine Cabs Ltd.</b> North Vancouver BC	<b>Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV)</b> Addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 40 vehicles, of which a maximum of 36 may be non-accessible taxis, to 56 vehicles, of which a maximum of 46 may be non-accessible taxis.	Approved in Part

## Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

## Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

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

None

Part 6: Other Matters

None