

New taxi by-law will go before local Council



Photo by Ken De Freitas

The new taxi by-law which will go before city council proposes to fix and increase taxi rates for Fredericton. City Councillor Robin Kilburn says he has received a number of calls from residents opposing the proposals.

By GARY CAMERON

A new taxi by-law to fix and increase taxi rates for Fredericton as well as impose stricter regulations on cab companies, will go before city council on Tuesday night, February 13.

Cab fares, which are based on a system which divides the city into seven zones, are to be increased by as much as 100 percent. Cost of the taxi depends on which zone in the city you are going to, but one example of a typical fare from the university to someplace below Beaverbrook Street would be \$1.00, which is double the present cost.

The draft of the by-law was submitted by the Fredericton Taxi Association and given first reading at the last city council meeting.

According to City Councillor Robin Kilburn "a draft of the by-law was presented and given first reading in order that it could be discussed." The by-law is now being revised by a city council committee and the city solicitor, so many changes can and will be made before the upcoming meeting.

Some taxi companies claim that operating costs are spiralling and that since fares have been the same for years, it is time they were raised. Although some local cab companies seem to be expanding and profiting from the increasing volume of customers, at least one company seems to be operating at a loss. According to Sullivan's Taxi

co-owner Fred Sullivan, "I don't know about the rest of them, but we sure aren't (making any profit)."

In discussing the proposed hike in taxi rates, however, Kilburn said "this I don't agree with." He went on to say "they're entitled to an increase, but I don't agree with the amount of increase in some areas."

The proposal submitted by the Fredericton Taxi Association is regarded by many as merely a figure to bargain down from, since council probably would not accept much of the drafted by-law as is.

The proposed taxi by-law has met much local opposition, and Kilburn has had calls from many people on the issue. "There's quite a bit of opposition from people, as I hoped there would be."

There are indications that several interested parties will express objections to the proposed by-law at the February 13 council meeting to be held at city hall on Queen Street. Kilburn said, "If they are going to object to it then they should notify the city clerk; then they have to be heard."

According to Sullivan, an alternative has been suggested. "Meters were tried once a year or so ago, but council didn't want them."

The by-law in its present form does not allow any companies to charge cheaper prices, although there is no allowance for faster or better service.

Carni 73 termed a great success

By MARY BLACKSTONE

"Winter Carnival was a tremendous success." That was the enthusiastic answer given by Winter Carnival co-ordinator, Rod Doherty, when asked about student response to Carnival events.

On top of the success of the pre-carnival festivities highlighted by the well-received group Jason and the opening day torch light parade, square dance, and crowning of the queen Caroline Caskey, came Ski Day. Doherty termed the ski festivities on Thursday a "relative success." Despite the cold weather, the skiing conditions were good and an encouraging number of students braved the elements to participate.

The sleigh rides to Mactaquac were also well received but the Pat Riley and Gunhill Road concert later that evening was not well attended. Those who did attend, however, enjoyed the concert enough to suggest that the groups be asked to return for a pub appearance.

The MacKenzie House Discotheque seems to have been where the action was on Thursday evening—that was a sell-out.

Fridays activities started at 1:30 p.m. with a chess tournament which lasted for eight hours. There were 15 participants and the competition was very stiff. Ron Cullen emerged in first place with Louis Pitre in second place. The free skating scheduled for Friday night had to be cancelled because of weather conditions but the three movies that night were a sell-out. Both the afternoon pub sponsored by Harrison House and Bridges and the evening pub held in McConnell Hall were also successes. Carnival organizers even had to turn students away at the McConnell pub.

Despite very wet weather conditions, Saturday's parade got off on schedule. There was an unusually large number of floats and several were clearly the result of a lot of hard work. Doherty said that most people he had talked to thought the "Carni '73" parade

was the best one in years.

Although battered by rain the night before, snow sculptures were judged on Saturday. The spouting Moby Dick by Bridges House won first, "The Spirit of Davy Jones Locker" by Jones House won second and the Geology sculpture and the McKenzie House mock-up of the Student Union Building split for third. The evening activities were again successful—the movies were well attended, the Ball was a sell-out (considered by many to be the best carn ball, at least in terms of participation, in years), and the Aitken House Pub was so packed by 10 p.m. that it had to close its doors.

High winds and low clouds hampered the Parajump Club in its exhibitions throughout the whole weekend. No competitions could be held but an exhibition jump was carried out on the Teacher's College field on Saturday at 5 p.m.

At least two more Open Forums this year

By FORREST ORSER

At least two more Open Forums are planned for this year according to Dr. Norman Whitney, chairman of the Committee on Open Forums.

On Feb. 14, Dr. Frank Wilson, Dean of Students, will be in room 26 of the Student Union Building, between seven and eight thirty, to discuss such topics as residences, counselling and health services.

On Feb. 21, between seven and eight thirty, Mrs. C. R. Spicer, director of Accommodations and Placement and Mr. K.T. Fuller, director of Counselling Services, will be in room 103 of the SUB, to answer questions on career counselling.

Mr. Garry Knox, Mr. Mark

and another jump was done on Neill's Field on Sunday.

The annual carnival monopoly marathon sponsored by CHSR was won by the Co-op over CHSR, The BRUNSWICKAN, Fredericton High and the SRC.

The final event in the carnival schedule was the CHSR Folk Festival on Sunday night. Even though the festival was competing with Lighthouse for attendance, it drew about 150 spectators. Peter Charron, the organizer for the event, admitted that the festival probably wasn't as successful as last year's or as successful as they had planned for this year but he maintained that it was definitely not a failure.

Unfortunately several acts cancelled out at the last minute and another act had to be eliminated when no piano could be found but the performances that did go on were all good local talent.

Steep, Mr. Dave Anderson and Mr. Ross Maund, all of Saga Food Service, will be on the 'hot seat' to discuss the food service on campus.

All interested are encouraged to attend, including students, university staff, and people from the Fredericton community in general.

The Forums will consist mainly of questions from those who attend, directed toward the guests, and are intended, according to Dr. Whitney, to give an opportunity to put the guest on the 'hot seat', and to result in some lively debate and dialogue.

The Committee on Open Forums exists under the auspices of student services.

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