RECOMMENDATION:
That Council direct staff to communicate out to the public, once confirmed, that Country Cabs Duncan Ltd. now has a wheelchair accessible cab available in their fleet, as well as communicate how many accessible cabs the other local cab companies maintain.

BACKGROUND:
In October 2018, the City received a notice from the Passenger Transportation Board that Country Cabs Duncan Ltd. are requesting a taxi rate increase, as well as increase their fleet size by one. In the notice it notes that they currently do not have any wheelchair accessible taxis.

The City of Duncan supported the rate increase and requested that the additional taxi be accessible for wheelchairs to meet the needs of the growing diverse population in the City.

At the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues (ACDI) meeting of March 1, 2019, the ACDI appreciated that Country Cabs Duncan Ltd. may now have a wheelchair accessible taxi available in their fleet and requested that information be communicated out to the public.

It was moved and seconded:
That the Advisory Committee on Disability Issues recommend to Council:
That information be communicated out to the public, once confirmed that Country Cabs Duncan Ltd. now has another wheelchair accessible cab available in their fleet.

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ANALYSIS:
On March 18, the Corporate Services Coordinator (CSC) confirmed with Country Cabs Duncan Ltd. that they did add a wheelchair accessible taxi to their fleet; however, they had just put it on the road and were training operators on how to use it. They advised that they would appreciate having the City share information about their new wheelchair accessible taxi, and will let the CSC know when they were ready to promote it.

Duncan Taxi has confirmed that they do have one wheelchair accessible taxi in their fleet and are possibly looking to add one more.
IMPLICATIONS:

Financial: N/A
Policy/Legislation: N/A
Strategic Priority: #9 Improve External Communication
Sustainability: N/A
Communication: Corporate Services will communicate out to citizens on social media, and the City newsletter about the additional wheelchair accessible taxi available through Country Cabs Duncan Ltd., as well as how many accessible cabs the other local cab companies maintain.

Staffing Implications: Corporate Services manages social media and the City newsletter.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION:

That topic of the wheelchair accessible cab be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Passenger Transportation Board Notice
Appendix B: City of Duncan Response