

## Groundswell

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Re: "All hail Voters for Taxis," Editorial, Oct. 23.

If it appears that Voters for Taxis has been the effort of one person, then I must set the record straight. It was born of one person's experience, but it has struck a chord with many. I can't shake a stick at the number of e-mails I get from ex-aldermen every time an article about VFT appears in the paper. "You go, girl" is the best way I can describe the sentiment. The Frontier Centre for Public Policy has become a friend of Voters for Taxis, and has completed two studies this year on the unique, yet avoidable, challenges taxi regulation poses for municipalities. Communications professionals have contacted me offering to edit copy for press releases. One even arranged for an 8x8 display to be delivered to Stephen Avenue Walk so we could survey taxi customers directly.

The chamber of commerce has publicly called for the removal of the arbitrary cap on taxis. Taxi drivers have gone out of their way to validate my fears about the system. Voters for Taxis has been a call to action for more than 200 people who have joined through our Facebook group or website. That's huge, because it means city hall can stop expecting taxi customers to attend public meetings at 4 p.m. on Thursday afternoon. The taxi customer finally has a voice.

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