March 19, 2020

The Passenger Transportation Board Announces Decisions on 4 Additional Ride Hailing Applications

The Passenger Transportation Board, which is an independent licensing tribunal, is mandated to make decisions on applications relating to passenger directed vehicles in British Columbia, including ride hailing authorizations.

The Board has completed its review of 4 additional ride hailing company applications.

The Board has decided to approve the applications of:
- **MDD Transport Network Inc. (dba MDD)** to operate in Region 1 – Lower Mainland, Whistler.
- **Safe Ride Sharing Ltd. (dba Safe Ride Sharing)** to operate in Region 4 – Okanagan-Kootenay Boundary-Cariboo.

The Board has refused the applications of:
- **Getride Technologies Inc. (dba GetRide)** to operate in Region 1 – Lower Mainland, Whistler.
- **Yallah Inc. (dba Yallah)** to operate in Region 1 – Lower Mainland, Whistler; Region 2 – Capital; Region 3 – Vancouver Island, excluding CRD; Region 4 – Okanagan-Kootenay Boundary-Cariboo; and Region 5 – BC North Central & Other Regions of BC.

The decisions were made after a careful review of the extensive materials received during the application process which included supporting information provided by the applicants and submissions from interested members of the public and stakeholders.

Copies of the decisions can be viewed in the PT Board Bulletin of March 19, 2020.

The Registrar has been directed to issue a licence to MDD and Safe Ride Sharing. Next steps for the approved applicant after receiving licence from the Registrar are to secure appropriate motor vehicle insurance and to work with municipalities in its operating areas to ensure compliance with local by-laws.

The Board has received a total of 35 ride hailing applications to date and with today’s announcement has issued decisions on 23 of them. The Board is in the process of reviewing pending applications and is working towards issuing further decisions on ride hailing applications as expeditiously as possible.

The Board will notify the public as soon as additional decisions have been made.

More Info:
- Q&As – Ride-hail decisions
- PT Board policies and processes are posted on its Ride-hail webpage.

Media Questions: Please contact Kamran Shaikh of PR Associates at kshaikh@prassociates.com or by telephone at 778.846.5406.