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Taxi Numbers Increasing Across Metro Vancouver

Since 2012, the number of full-time taxis that have been approved by the Board to operate in the Metro Vancouver Regional District increased 26% from 1,549 to 1,947. Of these, the number that must be wheelchair accessible increased 44% from 260 to 374. The table below summarizes taxi fleet sizes and changes within municipal areas across Metro Vancouver.

Metro Vancouver Taxis Approved by the PT Board (2012 - 2017)*

Municipalities	Companies	September 2012		April 2017		Increases	
		Total Fleet	WATs Only	Total Fleet	WATs Only	Total Fleet	WATs Only
Vancouver	4	588	113	783	159	33%	41%
North Shore	2	190	22	202	24	6%	9%
Pitt Meadows/Maple Ridge	3	30	3	36	5	20%	67%
Burnaby	2	119	11	145	20	22%	82%
Coquitlam/Port Coquitlam/Port Moody	3	91	8	118	19	30%	138%
New Westminister	2	64	11	68	14	6%	27%
Delta/Tsawwassen/Surrey	7	320	52	394	80	23%	54%
Richmond	3	131	36	172	48	31%	33%
Langley	1	16	4	29	5	81%	25%
Metro Vancouver Totals	27	1549	260	1947	374	26%	44%

* Notes: (1) The table includes approved taxis. Applicants generally have 6 months to get approved vehicles on the road. (2) The table does not include peak period taxis that the Board authorized for operation in the City of Vancouver in October 2012. (3) The table only lists the primary municipalities where taxi companies operate. It does not include taxi companies based in the Fraser Valley that may also pick up in some or all of Langley.

The Board responds to applications from companies to expand their fleet of taxis or start a new fleet. It makes decisions based on evidence and public need indicators (including their operating data) that applicants supply as well as submissions the Board receives from third parties. Board decisions on individual applications are published with reasons in its

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