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Business as Usual for PT Board

The PT Board is continuing to consider applications for taxis, limousines and other passenger directed vehicles as well as inter-city buses. Assessment of applications will be in line with our mandate as set out in the *Passenger Transportation Act* and Board policies.

On March 7, 2017, Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and Honourable Peter Fassbender, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for TransLink, [announced](#) that British Columbia plans to introduce a series of improvements to help the taxi industry modernize and remain competitive in anticipation of ride-sharing services. The [news release](#) stated: *Beginning this summer, government will seek additional input from taxi drivers, the ride-sharing and taxi industries, police, airports, municipalities, ICBC and Road Safety BC as the Province finalizes its plan in time for the 2017 holiday season.*

The Minister, under section 6(5) of the Act, may issue general policy directives to the Board about the exercise of its powers and duties. If we receive any directives, we will review and assess our policies in light of them. Any policy changes would be published in an Advisory.

For the foreseeable future, we will carry on with “business as usual”.