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Dear Mayor and Council,

As of Friday, the Passenger Transportation Board (PTB) has authorized a total of four ride-hailing companies to operate in Region 1 (Whistler – Lower Mainland) (<https://www.ptboard.bc.ca/bulletins.htm>). The first two companies to be authorized, Uber and Lyft, have been issued City of Vancouver business licences and are both operating in the city. Friday afternoon, the PTB approved two locally based companies, Apt Rides, a North Shore based company, and Kabu, which is a subsidiary of GoKabu based in Richmond. Staff are prepared to process business licence applications should these companies wish to operate in Vancouver. Staff will aim to issue a licence within 3 days of receiving an application. At this time, neither company has contacted the City for a business licence.

Progress on the Region 1 Inter-municipal business licence (IMBL) has been steady. Staff are finalizing draft by-law terms with participating municipalities. A staff report is scheduled for Council on February 25, 2020. The other participating municipalities will be taking reports to their Councils in February and March. Should the IMBL be approved, companies will be able to operate in all participating municipalities with one regional business licence.

Best,
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