

o, chair of that committee, called it a “win-win-win” situation.

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ily a win for Uber’s legions of users. Cars will be properly insured and inspected, and id
ore competition. Fans of traditional taxi service can still hail a cab on the street or taxi :
anted the comforting, standard set fare. And it’s certainly a win for Uber, as councillor
validation of its scofflaw model in yet another city.

During the meeting, deputy mayor Pam McConnell asked municipal licensing and stanc
up ahead of the game and who behind it.

ult question to answer, because we don’t know what the future is going to hold,” Cook r
om the hundreds of taxi industry supporters in the chamber. Some rank-and-file driver
ft-wing councillors insist working for Uber is medieval torture; drivers tend very much

, said Cook, “it creates more organizational flexibility for the industry” — the better to c
ncil’s left, that means an unconscionable move away from the owner-operator taxicab
. It means more gravy for the various wealthy plate owners and lessors and industry mi
and a kick in the teeth for struggling drivers. Several councillors suggested they though
mise with the mayor, one that was friendlier to those drivers.

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That certainly would have been a better outcome. But nothing council passed on Tuesday is set in ston
from outright deregulation. And while there will be unintended consequences — there always are wher
meat grinder — council can address them as they arise.

In the meantime, this is first and foremost a win for people who want this city to get the heck out of the
restaurants, vehicles for hire and other aspects of their daily lives.

“I started ... from one fundamental premise, which is that the status quo is not satisfactory,” Tory told city council. “There is no ideal
answer that is going to satisfy everybody ... but the bottom line is that we have ... a popular service being used by hundreds of
thousands of Torontonians.”

The consumers spoke, and city hall listened. We are through the looking glass here, people. Good lord ... what if it catches on?

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