

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORT ACT

- and -

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of DONNA KARSTEN o/a TOUR NS BY KAR (OPERATED BY KARSTEN KONSULTING INC.) for the issue of an Extra-Provincial Operating License

BEFORE:



Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Donna Karsten O/A Tour NS By Kar (Operated By Karsten Konsulting Inc.), applied to the Nova Scotia Regulatory and Appeals Board (Board) on July 15, 2026, for the issue of an Extra-Provincial Operating Licence (Application), subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Appendix A.

Notice of the Application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, posted on the Board's website, distributed by email to licensed carriers and provided to the Minister of the Department of Public Works. No objections were received by the filing deadline of July 29, 2026.

The Board considered the Application without a hearing on Thursday, July 30, 2026.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act*, RSNS 1989, c 292, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board approves the application, and orders that an Extra-Provincial Operating Licence be issued, subject to the terms and conditions set out in Appendix A, effective immediately.

An Order will issue accordingly.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 30th day of July 2026.

Pamela McGarrigle

Clerk of the Board

APPENDIX 'A'

SCHEDULE A – ROUTES

Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

SCHEDULE B – AREAS

Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

SCHEDULE C – TIMETABLE

No set schedule

SCHEDULE D – RATES

D(1): RATES

- Hourly Rate: \$150.00 per hour (minimum 4 hours)
- Daily Rate: \$750.00 (up to 8 hours)
- Layover (includes driver accommodations) \$250.00 per night
- Driver per diem: \$25.00

Terms and Conditions

1. All rates quoted are in CAD and include:
 - (a) Transportation including all tolls
 - (b) Driver's expenses
 - (c) 1 bottle of water per person daily
 - (d) Entry fees for agreed on attractions
2. Rates exclude HST.
3. Client accommodation, meals and any added activity costs (e.g. golf, sailing etc.) are not included.
4. A deposit of 20% will be due within 15 days of booking to secure reservation. Full payment is required 15 days before the tour start date.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellations made 15 days or more before the tour start date are eligible for a full refund, minus applicable banking fees.
- Cancellations made between 2 and 14 days before the tour start date are eligible for an 80% refund, minus applicable banking fees.
- Cancellations made less than 48 before the start of the tour are eligible for a 50% refund, minus applicable banking fees.

SCHEDULE E - VEHICLES

E(1): VEHICLES

One (1) 2020 Mazda CX-30 (4-passenger).

SCHEDULE F - AUTHORITIES

F(1): SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE

The transportation of any person(s) or organized group from Nova Scotia to anywhere in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island one way, return or reverse thereof.