

NOVA SCOTIA UTILITY AND REVIEW BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORT ACT

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of BLACKWOOD TOURS LTD. to amend Motor Carrier License No. P03224 and Extra-Provincial Operating License No. XP03232

BEFORE:



Bruce H. Fisher, MPA, CPA, CMA, Member

DECISION AND ORDER

Blackwood Tours Ltd. applied to the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board on April 5, 2024, for approval to amend its motor carrier license P03224 and its extra-provincial operating license XP03232 by removing the current rates and replacing them with the rates attached hereto as Appendix A, effective immediately.

Notice of the application was published in the Royal Gazette on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, and notice provided to the industry. There were no objections received by the stated deadline of April 17, 2024.

The application was considered by the Board in a hearing on April 23, 2024.

Having considered the *Motor Carrier Act*, including the factors set out in s. 13, the Board finds it is in the public interest to approve the application.

The Board approves the application and orders that the license be amended to change the rates as noted in Appendix A attached, effective immediately.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 23rd day of April 2024.



Clerk of the Board

SCHEDULE D RATES – LICENSE P03224

D(1) RATES – Cruise Ship Sightseeing Tours

Tours of Cape Breton Island including sites such as Bell Museum, Keltic Lodge, Cabot Trail, Fortress Louisburg and Miners Museum (4-6 hours)

\$160 to \$195/person depending on the tour
\$800 to \$1,100 for 1-5 person Private Tour
\$1,200 - \$1,600 for 6-8 person Private Tour
\$1,800 to \$2,400 for 9-13 person Private Tour
\$2,400 to \$3,200 for 14-24 person Private Tour

Terms and conditions:

- Minimum of four passengers required for tours.
- All prices listed are in \$CAD and are inclusive of HST
- Tolls, ferry services and admission to attractions and historical sites are included.
- Meals are not included, except on the Goat Island/Highland Village Tour.
- Deposit equal to one passenger fee (\$135.00 - \$160.00) must be paid in full at time of booking, unless booked through Blackwood Tours website.
- Additional \$200 charge for travel and cleaning to be added to charter time, if necessary.

Cancellation Policy:

If the cruise ship does not arrive when scheduled, there shall be a full refund of the deposit.

D(2) RATES – Charter Rates

Description	Per Km Live	Per Km Dead	Daily	Hourly	Overtime Hourly	Min Charge	Wait Time Hourly	Layover Day
13 pax	2.00	2.00	1,400	125	125	300	100	500
24 pax	2.00	2.00	2,400	160	160	350	150	600

Terms and Conditions:

- Minimum of four passengers is required.
- All prices listed are in \$CAD and are inclusive of HST
- Tolls, ferry services, admission to attractions and historical sites are included.
- Driver lodging and driver accommodations are included.
- Meals are not included.
- Deposit equal to one passenger fee to be paid at time of booking, unless booked through Blackwood Tours website.
- Additional \$200 charge for travel and cleaning to be added to charter time, if necessary.

Cancellation Policy:

If notice of cancellation is received more than 48 hours in advance of the scheduled start time, there shall be a full refund.

If notice of cancellation is received between 24 and 48 hours prior to the scheduled start time, there shall be a refund of 50%.

If notice of cancellation is received less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled start time, there shall be no refund.

SCHEDULE D RATES – LICENSE XP03232

D(1) RATES

Description	Per Km Live	Per Km Dead	Daily	Hourly	Overtime Hourly	Min Charge	Wait Time Hourly	Layover Day
13 pax	2.00	2.00	1,400	125	125	300	100	500
24 pax	2.00	2.00	2,400	160	160	350	150	600

Terms and Conditions:

- Minimum of four passengers is required.
- All prices listed are in \$CAD and are inclusive of HST
- Tolls, ferry services, admission to attractions and historical sites are included.
- Driver lodging and driver accommodations are included.
- Meals are not included.
- Deposit equal to one passenger fee to be paid at time of booking, unless booked through Blackwood Tours website.
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