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## Lawyer applauds commission's ruling as crucial step for the disabled

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Martyn's lawyer, Shirish Chotalia, sympathized with her client's frustration, but said the decision was an important step for the disabled.

"It means the province can't just

delegate off its responsibility," she said. "There's no evidence that providing the service would place an undue burden on the city and province."

Unfortunately, the legal process sometimes moves slowly, Chotalia said.

"But it's inevitable now that the city and the province will have to

do something," she said. "So we are on the right track."

If Alberta Infrastructure and the city transportation department don't respond appropriately, the lawyer vows to return to the commission and see they're forced to.

Peter Dawes, the province's senior policy adviser for passenger transport, said the decision is be-

ing evaluated by Alberta Justice lawyers.

City councillors on the transportation and public works committee directed the city administration in August to work with the province and taxi commission to come up with a strategy on the subject. They are expected to report back to council next month.