



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

Laneway system bounded by Roxborough Street West, Yonge Street and Gibson Avenue – prohibition of large vehicles

Date:	November 2, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 27
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SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter for which the Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is seeking approval to prohibit vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from traveling in this laneway system to help reduce incidences of damage to private property.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the lane system bounded by Roxborough Street West, Yonge Street and Gibson Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Toronto Transportation Services 2007 operating budget	\$800

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Kyle Rae, Transportation Services investigated a complaint about large vehicles travelling in the lane system bounded by Roxborough Street West, Yonge Street and Gibson Avenue and damaging private properties abutting this lane system.

COMMENTS

A north-south laneway link between Gibson Avenue and Roxborough Street West, approximately 31 metres west of Yonge Street, provides access to the east-west laneway for the properties fronting the north side of Gibson Avenue and the south side of Roxborough Street West. A resident has indicated that large trucks cause damage to private properties along this lane system. Considering the narrow width of the lane where it intersects Roxborough Street West (less than 3 metres in width in some areas), large trucks may not be able to safely negotiate the turn from Roxborough Street West without scraping against adjacent buildings/posts.

Prohibiting vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in this lane system might resolve the current problem. Unlike the provisions of the heavy truck prohibition that exempts delivery vehicles, there are no exemptions to this regulation and it is used specifically to deter trucks from travelling in a public laneway that is too narrow for their use.

Prohibiting vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the subject lane system should reduce incidence of damage to private property.

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