



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West –Heavy Vehicle Prohibition

Date:	December 6, 2007
To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 – Davenport
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend prohibiting heavy trucks at all times on Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West.

As Caledonia Road is a transit route, this matter requires the approval of City Council. Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) staff have been advised of the issue and have not objected to the recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that City Council:

1. Prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$1,600.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17, Davenport, on behalf of area residents of Caledonia Road, requested Transportation staff to determine the feasibility of prohibiting heavy trucks from travelling and/or parking on Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West during all periods of the day.

COMMENTS

Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West is a minor arterial roadway with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The majority of properties abutting Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West are residential in character. Currently, heavy vehicles are prohibited from travelling on Caledonia Road, from Rogers Road to St. Clair Avenue West, between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

The intention of a heavy vehicle prohibition is to deter through travel, particularly by heavy trucks. The heavy vehicle prohibition also prohibits on-street parking by heavy vehicles during the time periods when the regulation is in effect. Delivery trucks generated by local businesses or residents are exempt from the heavy vehicle prohibition.

Typically, heavy vehicles are prohibited on local streets within a bordering network of arterial roads. This encourages commercial traffic to stay on the arterial roads whenever possible. However, many arterial roads in the central area of Toronto also have a significant residential component and concerns about trucking activity on such streets have become a more frequent complaint. In situations like this, all stakeholders need to appreciate each others' requirements and consider a compromise that does not inconvenience the commercial/retail component of the community yet addresses (to a degree) the concerns of the residents of the street. It has been our experience that prohibiting heavy vehicles on certain minor arterial streets is a satisfactory compromise.

There is a small section of roadway on Caledonia Road, between St. Clair Avenue West and Norman Avenue, generating frequent truck traffic due to an existing commercial yard.

The commercial yard has access from Caledonia Road and St. Clair Avenue West. The heavy trucks that access the commercial yard from Caledonia Road create noise and dust pollution which area residents find difficult to tolerate.

Implementing a "No Heavy Vehicles" regulation on this section of Caledonia Road, between Rogers Road and St. Clair Avenue West is feasible and would address the community's heavy truck concerns with the intent of having the trucks use the St. Clair Avenue West entrance rather than the Caledonia Road access.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment No. 1: Map