



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED**

First lane north of Queen Street East, between Rainsford Road and Woodbine Avenue – Proposed Heavy Truck Prohibition

Date:	December 5, 2007
To:	Toronto and East York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District
Wards:	Beaches-East York, Ward 32
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SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services is seeking authority to prohibit heavy trucks in the first lane north of Queen Street East, between Rainsford Road and Woodbine Avenue. Although the number of trucks using this part of the lane is low, there are no businesses that require deliveries. Prohibiting heavy trucks will improve safety for pedestrians in the lane.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. prohibit heavy trucks at all times in the first lane north of Queen Street East, between Rainsford Road and Woodbine Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division 2008 Operating Budget interim appropriations	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Councillor Sandra Bussin has requested that heavy trucks be prohibited in the first lane north of Queen Street East, between Rainsford Road and Woodbine Avenue, in order to improve safety for pedestrians, specifically children, in the lane.

COMMENTS

The first lane north of Queen Street East runs west from Woodbine Avenue to Rainsford Road and is part of a lane system that continues further west intersecting Brookmount Road before ending. The lane provides access to residential properties fronting the north side of Queen Street East. There are speed bumps and 10 km/h warning signs in the lane, between Woodbine Avenue and Rainsford Road.

We measured the number of vehicles in the lane over 24 hours on a weekday. Our results are shown in the following table.

Direction	Traffic Volume	Heavy Trucks
Eastbound	94 vehicles	1 heavy truck
Westbound	171 vehicles	6 heavy trucks

As can be seen, the number of trucks we observed is low. However, there are no businesses on this section of the laneway, and therefore no reason for heavy trucks to be there on a regular basis. Heavy trucks that are destined for the lane would be exempt from the prohibition. The proposed heavy truck prohibition would result in an improvement to pedestrian safety.

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