



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Laneway system bounded by Regal Road, Springmount Avenue, Rosemount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue – Prohibition of Large Vehicles

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 17 - Davenport
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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 identified the need to improve traffic operations on the laneway system at the rear of premises Nos. 6 to 24 Springmount Road; at the rear of premises Nos. 54 to 58 Regal Road; at the rear of Premises Nos. 15 to 27 Glenholme Avenue and adjacent to Premises Nos. 27 and 29 Glenholme Avenue.

In order to improve accessibility to and from the lane system, staff recommends prohibiting use of this public lane by vehicles over 2.0 metres in width, to lessen the possibility of property damage caused by passing large vehicles.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Vehicles over 2.0 metres in width be prohibited from travelling in the laneway system bounded by Regal Road, Springmount Avenue, Rosemount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue.

Financial Impact

Type of funding	Source of funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Division Operating Budget	\$400.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At the request of Councillor Cesar Palacio on behalf of area residents, Transportation Services investigated a complaint about large vehicles travelling in the laneway system bound by Regal Road, Springmount Avenue, Rosemount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue and inflicting damage to adjacent properties abutting the laneway system.

COMMENTS

The subject laneway system varies in pavement width between 3.26 and 11.58 metres. An east/west branch extending westerly behind premises Nos. 6 to 16 Springmount Road and Premises Nos. 54 to 58 Regal Road is approximately 3.26 metres wide. A north/south branch extending northerly behind Premises Nos. 18 to 24 Springmount Road and Premises Nos. 15 to 27 Glenholme Avenue is also approximately 3.26 metres wide. An east/west branch extending easterly adjacent to Premises Nos. 27 and 29 Glenholme Avenue is approximately 11.58 metres wide.

Residents have complained that large trucks tend to scrape and damage properties along the laneway system. Although staff has not witnessed such activity occurring, there is some evidence of property damage having occurred.

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

Based on our assessment, prohibiting vehicles over 2.0 metres in width from travelling in the subject laneway system bounded by Regal Road, Springmount Avenue, Rosemount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue would be beneficial.

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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment No. 1: Map – Laneway System Prohibition of Large vehicles