

Traffic Regulation Amendments – Judson Street

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To:	Etobicoke York Community Council
From:	Director, Transportation Services - Etobicoke York District
Wards:	Ward 6 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore
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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 change the "No Heavy Vehicles, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m." regulation on Judson Street, between Royal York Road and Islington Avenue, to "No Heavy Vehicles, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m." on Judson Street between Royal York Road and Harold Street; and, "No Heavy Vehicles Anytime" between Harold Street and Islington Avenue. In addition, staff is seeking authority to introduce a "No Left Turn Anytime" regulation at the intersection of Judson Street and the driveway access at 29 Judson Street, for northbound traffic exiting the driveway access.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that Etobicoke York Community Council approve:

1. Rescinding the "No Heavy Vehicles, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m." regulation on Judson Street between Royal York Road and Horner Avenue.
2. Enacting a "No Heavy Vehicles, 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day" regulation on Judson Street between Royal York Road and Harold Street.
3. Enacting a "No Heavy Vehicles, Anytime" regulation on Judson Street between Harold Street and Islington Avenue.

4. Enacting a “No Heavy Vehicles, 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day” regulation on Judson Street between Islington Avenue and Horner Avenue.
5. Enacting a "No Left Turn, Anytime" regulation at the intersection of Judson Street and the driveway access at 29 Judson Street, approximately 180 metres west of Royal York Road, for northbound traffic.

Financial Impact

Type of Funding	Source of Funds	Amount
Available within current budget	Transportation Services Operating Budget	\$500.00

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Transportation Services staff has investigated a request from area residents to change the existing heavy truck regulations on the section of Judson Street between Royal York Road and Islington Avenue. There was a recent site meeting with the Mayor, staff of various City divisions and area residents where numerous concerns were raised with respect to the operation at 29 Judson Street, including the heavy vehicle use on Judson Street between Royal York Road and Islington Avenue. A map of the area is Attachment 1.

COMMENTS

Judson Street is a two-way local road classified in the City's Road System as a "Collector". The average width of the road between Royal York Road and Harold Street is 9.7 metres; the average road width between Harold Street and a point 150 metres east of Islington Avenue is 8.0 metres. There is a sidewalk on the north side of the street and no sidewalk on the south side. The abutting properties are industrial and residential on the south and north sides, respectively, between Royal York Road and Islington Avenue.

Currently, heavy vehicles are prohibited on Judson Street and Royal York Road between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Heavy vehicles are allowed anytime on Islington Avenue, in the area of Judson Street.

The majority of the truck use on Judson Street, between Royal York Road and Islington Avenue, is being generated by 29 Judson Street. The driveway access to this industrial property is located on the south side of Judson Street, just east of Harold Street and approximately 180 metres west of Royal York Road. The majority of the truck traffic being generated by 29 Judson Street is entering the property from eastbound Judson Street and exiting onto westbound Judson Street towards Islington Avenue.

Staff observations conducted for a six hour period (7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) on a weekday this past September revealed a total of 74 vehicles that exited the driveway access at 29 Judson Street and turned left (westbound) onto Judson Street, 52 of which were classified as heavy trucks.

Given the fact that Royal York Road is the closest arterial road to 29 Judson Street and that the majority of the residential properties abutting Judson Street are located west of Harold Street, staff recommends that heavy vehicles be prohibited anytime from using Judson Street between Harold Street and Islington Avenue.

However, it should be emphasized heavy vehicles that need to access properties located within the proposed prohibited zone may be exempted based on Chapter 240-18 (Heavy Vehicles) of the Municipal Code of the former City of Etobicoke which states in part that the prohibited street (highway) "shall not apply to any vehicle actually engaged in making a delivery to, a collection from or providing a service to premises which cannot be reached except by way of a highway or a portion of highway referred to in said section or to prohibit that in making such delivery, collection or providing the service, said highway or portion of highway is travelled only insofar as is unavoidable in getting to and from such premises."

In addition, staff recommends that left turns be prohibited anytime at the intersection of Judson Street and the driveway access at 29 Judson Street, for northbound traffic exiting the driveway access. This regulation will further help deter heavy truck movements on Judson Street, west of Harold Street. Also, it should be noted that the resulting displaced traffic onto Royal York Road will be minimal and can be accommodated on this arterial road.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map