

## **Heavy Truck Prohibition – Governor's Road**

**Date:** October 13, 2016  
**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council  
**From:** Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District  
**Wards:** Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale  
Ward 29, Toronto-Danforth

### **SUMMARY**

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This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a heavy truck prohibition on Governor's Road, between Douglas Crescent and Astley Avenue. The introduction of this regulation is intended to reduce the heavy truck usage of Governor's Road.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Governor's Road, between Douglas Crescent (north intersection) and Astley Avenue.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2017 Operating Budget estimates.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Governor's Road, between Douglas Crescent and Astley Avenue, is a local roadway that operates two-way traffic. The section between Douglas Crescent (north intersection) and Douglas Crescent (south intersection)/Nesbitt Drive has a pavement width of 7.3 metres and a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, as traffic calming measures (speed humps) have been installed. The section between Douglas Crescent (south intersection)/Nesbitt Drive and Astley Avenue have a pavement width that varies between 5.4 metres and 11.0 metres and a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h. This roadway is generally residential, excepting the bridge that crosses over Mud Creek and the Beltline Trail.

There is no TTC service provided on Governor's Road.

Residents report that Governor's Road is regularly used by heavy trucks, including construction vehicles, as a cut-through towards Bayview Avenue, rather than utilizing the adjacent arterial roads. As a result, residents indicated that the noise and congestion produced by these vehicles is disruptive and a potential safety concern.

Under a "No Heavy Trucks" restriction, heavy vehicles may use a street prohibited for their use if the operator of the vehicle has a specific destination on the street to make a pick-up/delivery or has no alternative route but to use that street to access another street to make a pick-up/delivery. As such, the proposed introduction of a "No Heavy Trucks" restriction on the subject section of Governor's Road may lead to a reduction in the number of heavy trucks that are using the roadway as a cut-through, without negatively impacting the heavy truck operators that have a legitimate reason to be using the roadway.

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam and Councillor Mary Fragedakis have been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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1. Drawing No. 421G-2277, dated October 2016

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