

Heavy Truck Prohibition – Lambton Avenue

Date: May 1, 2017
To: Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District
Wards: Ward 11 – York South-Weston

SUMMARY

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Lambton Avenue, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a heavy truck prohibition at all times on Lambton Avenue, between Weston Road and Jane Street. The introduction of this regulation is intended to reduce heavy truck traffic travelling from Lambton Avenue and infiltrating the residential neighbourhood bounded by Lambton Avenue to the north, Jane Street to the West, Alliance Avenue to the south and Weston Road to the east.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing prohibition of heavy trucks from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day on Lambton Avenue, between Weston Road and Jane Street.
2. City Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Lambton Avenue, between Weston Road and Jane Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost associated with the necessary sign installation is \$ 500.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2018 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Lambton Avenue is classified in the City's Road Classification System as "Collector" road. It operates two-way traffic on a road width of 10.6 metres, between Weston Road and Jane Street. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h and heavy trucks are currently prohibited from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day. TTC service is provided by the "71B Runnymede" and "161 Rogers Road" buses.

The Ward Councillor, on behalf of area residents, requested the implementation of a "No Heavy Truck" regulation at all times on Lambton Avenue. Given that all the streets in the area bounded by Weston Road, Lambton Avenue, Jane Street and Alliance Avenue are local residential roads with the exception of Rockcliffe Boulevard, which is classified as collector" roadway, heavy trucks are prohibited at all times on all these streets. Staff recommend the similar heavy truck prohibition, at all times, be extended to Lambton Avenue as well.

Residents of Rockcliffe Boulevard have indicated that a significant number of heavy trucks use this roadway as a cut-through to access Alliance Avenue, even though heavy trucks are prohibited at all times. Trucks from Jane Street and Weston Road turn onto Lambton Avenue, then south onto Rockcliffe Boulevard to get to the businesses on Alliance Avenue. As a result, residents of Rockcliffe Boulevard have indicated that the heavy truck traffic has contributed to additional noise and congestion, which has been disruptive to the neighbourhood. With the heavy truck prohibition on Lambton Avenue, trucks will have to access Alliance Avenue from Jane Street and Weston Road (via Humber Boulevard North). The heavy truck regulation on Alliance Avenue prohibits heavy vehicles from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, between Jane Street and Cliff Street, while permitting them during normal business hours.

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 to access a particular street to make a pick-up/delivery. The proposed introduction of a "No Heavy Trucks" restriction on Lambton Avenue will now only allow those heavy truck operators who have a legitimate reason to be using the roadway.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENT

1. Location Plan (Lambton Avenue)

1. Area Map (Lambton Avenue)

