



July 12, 2011

Dear Mayor Ford and Members of Council,

RE: EY8.35 Prohibition of Heavy Trucks – Weston Road

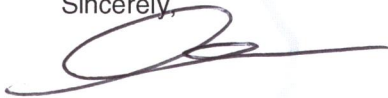
I am writing to inform you of my opposition to EY8.35 Prohibition of Heavy Trucks – Weston Road. While I respect Councillor Mammoliti's concern for his constituents along Weston Road, a 24-hour ban on heavy trucks along this particular street imparts consequences on neighbouring wards.

With respect to Ward 1, northbound truck traffic exiting Highway 401 would be forced from Weston Road onto Albion Road, and past single-family residences. From there, trucks would turn north onto Islington Avenue or Kipling Avenue, both of which are among Etobicoke's worst intersections, in terms of vehicle-pedestrian accidents. Finally, they would pass by more residential neighbourhoods, high-rise buildings, churches, schools and in the case of Kipling Avenue, the City's largest community hub.

I trust most Torontonians would prefer if truck traffic did not exist on their streets. We cannot however simply pass off the problem to neighbouring communities, nor can we afford the economic consequences of interrupting the flow of goods throughout the City and region.

I urge you to reject a 24 hour ban and support a 7:00pm to 7:00am ban on trucks between Albion Road and Finch Avenue West as originally recommended by Staff.

Sincerely,



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Councillor, Ward 1 - Etobicoke North