Heavy Truck Prohibition Study – Victoria Park Avenue between St.Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue

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To: Scarborough Community Council
    Toronto East York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District

Wards: Ward 35 - Scarborough Southwest, Ward 31 - Beaches-East York

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SUMMARY

This report seeks authority to enact a heavy truck prohibition bylaw from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. on Victoria Park Avenue between St.Clair Avenue East and Danforth Avenue in the Clairlea-Birchmount, and Oakridge Neighbourhoods.

This measure is being recommended to reduce overnight truck traffic in this mainly residential area.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services, recommends that:

1. City Council enact a heavy truck prohibition regulation, as identified in Appendix 1 of this report.

2. City Council pass or amend the appropriate by-law(s) accordingly.

Financial Impact

The financial cost of installing the heavy truck prohibition signage is approximately $1,500.00. The funding has been requested for these signs in the Transportation Services Division’s 2012 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.
ISSUE BACKGROUND
Further to concerns raised by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, Transportation Services staff has reviewed the need to provide appropriate nightly heavy truck prohibitions on the currently unregulated portion of Victoria Park Avenue through a primarily residential area. A similar by-law is already in affect on Victoria Park Avenue immediately south of the proposed area.

COMMENTS
The following characteristics describe the subject area:
- The land use in these neighbourhoods is primarily single family residential.
- The majority of this section of Victoria Park Avenue is a two-lane major arterial roadway.
- The regulatory speed limit is 50 km/h, with a twenty-four hour vehicle volume of approximately 18,000 vehicles per day.

The adoption of the traffic by-law amendments identified in Appendix 1 of this report will discourage overnight truck traffic on this section of roadway through a primarily residential neighbourhood.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Appendix 1 – By-law Amendments (enact)
2. Location Plan (Heavy Truck Prohibition Study – Victoria Park Avenue)
Appendix 1

“Heavy Truck”
Regulation to be Enacted

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