

Heavy Truck Prohibition Review – Morningside Avenue

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| Wards: | Ward 43 and Ward 44 – Scarborough East |
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SUMMARY

This report recommends the adoption of a by-law to prohibit heavy trucks nightly from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. along Morningside Avenue between Lawrence Avenue East and Guildwood Parkway/Greyabbey Trail. This recommendation represents a technical amendment because the heavy truck prohibition signs are currently in place to reflect the original prohibition that had been approved by City of Scarborough Council in 1997. However, the prohibition is not currently included in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council prohibit heavy trucks from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day on Morningside Avenue, from Lawrence Avenue East to Guildwood Parkway/Greyabbey Trail.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from this report since the signs are already in place.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

During an operational review, Transportation Services staff identified unregulated heavy trucks prohibited 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. signs on Morningside Avenue between Lawrence Avenue East and Guildwood Parkway/Greyabbey Trail. The signs were installed as a result of a Council report in 1997, but the regulation is not currently included in Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 950.

The prohibition from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. prevents heavy trucks from the nearby industrial businesses from using Morningside Avenue between Lawrence Avenue East and Guildwood Parkway/Greyabbey Trail during the evenings and nightly, when noise and vibrations could be disruptive to this residential area.

COMMENTS

The following characteristics describe this section of Morningside Avenue:

- Morningside Avenue is classified as a minor arterial road with a regulatory speed limit of 50 km/h.
- The land use is single-family residential homes.
- Industrial businesses are located in the area to the east on Coronation Drive, Manse Road, and Beechgrove Drive.
- Toronto Transit Commission operates revenue bus service on Morningside Avenue.

The proposed technical amendments to the heavy truck prohibition on Morningside Avenue between Lawrence Avenue East and Guildwood Parkway/Greyabbey Trail will be consistent with the signs already installed and allow for enforcement by Toronto Police Service under the Highway Traffic Act.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map (Heavy Truck Prohibition Review – Morningside Avenue)