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REPORT FOR ACTION

Heavy Vehicles Prohibition – Pharmacy Avenue between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East

Date: January 31, 2018
To: Scarborough Community Council
From: Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District
Wards: Ward 37 – Scarborough Centre

SUMMARY

This report recommends a Heavy Vehicles Prohibition to prohibit trucks at all times on Pharmacy Avenue between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East. Currently, trucks are prohibited on this section of Pharmacy Avenue from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. nightly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Scarborough District recommends that:

1. City Council amend the existing heavy vehicles prohibition in effect from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day on Pharmacy Avenue, between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East, to be in effect at all times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The financial cost of installing the new signs is approximately $1,600.00. Funding for the signs has been requested in the Transportation Services Division's 2018 Operating Budget, within Cost Centre TP0397.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

As a result of a request from Councillor Michael Thompson on the behalf of area residents, Transportation Services staff reviewed the existing heavy vehicles prohibition on Pharmacy Avenue.

Existing Conditions

The following characteristics describe Pharmacy Avenue, between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East:

- Pharmacy Avenue is a north-south four lane roadway and is classified as a Minor Arterial road.
- The pavement width is approximately 15 metres.
- The land uses on this section of roadway is mostly single family residential homes, retail plaza, mall and apartment building on Pharmacy Avenue. There are several schools and park area located on Pharmacy Avenue in the subject area.
- Currently this section of Pharmacy Avenue between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East prohibits truck traffic between 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day.

Analysis

The results of a 24 hour vehicle classification counts conducted on June 16, 2015 on Pharmacy Avenue between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue revealed the following:

Location	Vehicle Classification	Northbound			Southbound		
		7AM to 7PM	7PM to 7AM	24 Hrs.	7AM to 7PM	7PM to 7AM	24 Hrs
Pharmacy Avenue from Ellesmere Road to Lawrence Avenue	Heavy Trucks	493 (5%)	64 (1%)	557 (6%)	594 (8%)	39 (1%)	633 (9%)
	All Vehicles	7389	1814	9,203	6168	1438	7,606
Pharmacy Avenue from Lawrence Avenue to Eglinton Avenue	Heavy Trucks	472 (5%)	72 (1%)	544 (6%)	586 (7%)	101 (1%)	687 (8%)
	All Vehicles	6792	1972	8,764	6622	2075	8,697

The proposed heavy vehicles prohibition will mitigate through truck traffic in this predominantly residential area. It should be noted that there is no interchange between Pharmacy Avenue and Highway 401; trucks must use parallel arterial roads (e.g. Warden Avenue and Victoria Park Avenue) to access the highway network.

It should also be noted that trucks that have business (delivery, pick up, construction vehicles, garbage/recycle collection vehicles) in the area are not prohibited from using this section of Pharmacy Avenue.

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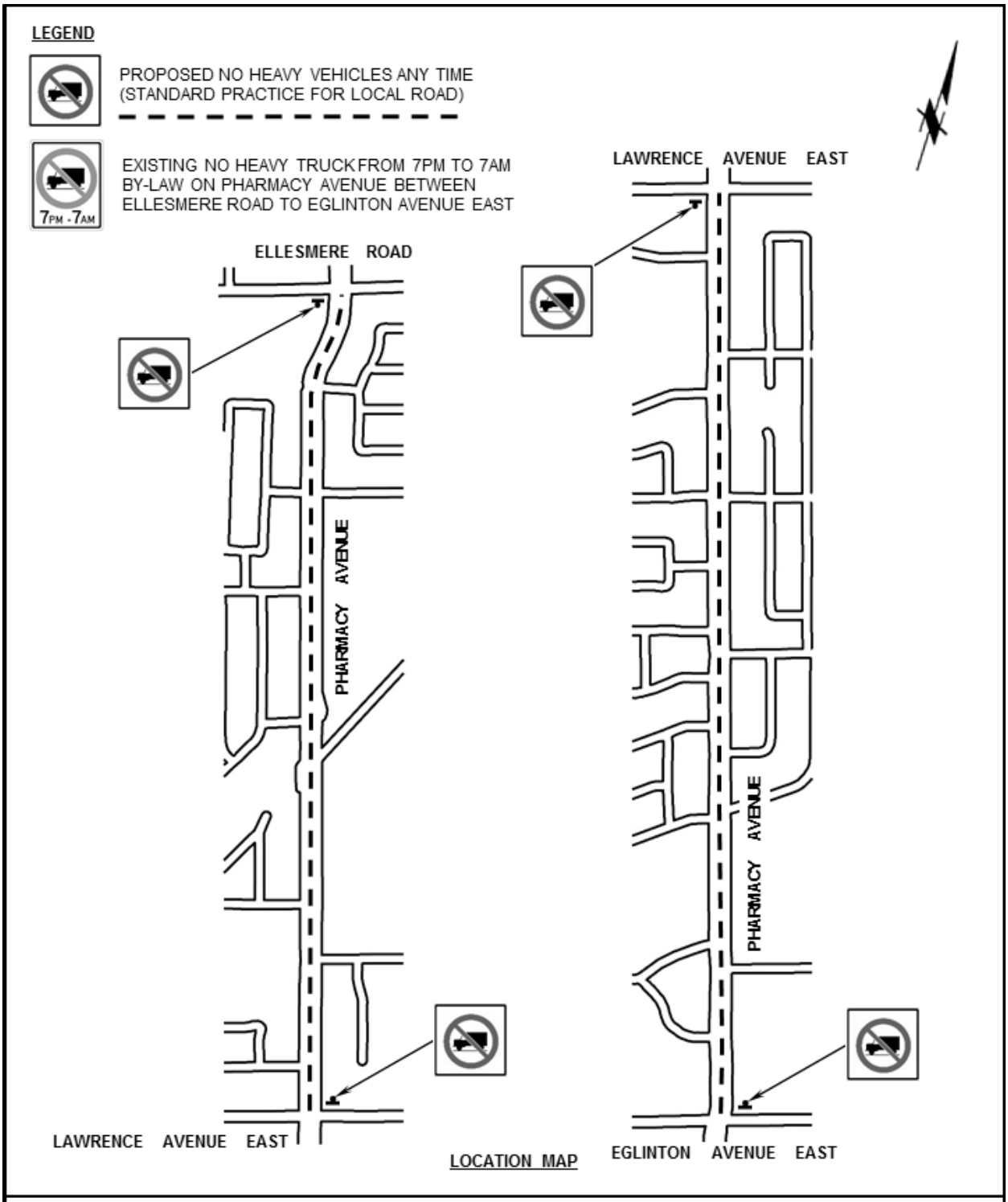
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Plan (Heavy Vehicles Prohibition - Pharmacy Avenue between Ellesmere Road and Eglinton Avenue East)



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