

Heavy Truck Prohibition - Rosedale Neighbourhood

Date: January 23, 2018
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District
Wards: Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority to make a final decision, provided that it is not amended so that it varies with City policy or by-laws.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a heavy truck prohibition on Douglas Drive, between Glen Road and Astley Avenue; Astley Avenue, between Douglas Drive and Governors Bridge; and Governors Bridge, between Astley Avenue and Governor's Road. The introduction of this regulation is intended to reduce heavy truck traffic travelling from the Rosedale neighbourhood into the Governors Bridge neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Acting Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing prohibition of heavy trucks on Douglas Drive, between Highland Crescent and Glen Road, to be in effect from Highland Crescent to the east end of Douglas Drive.
2. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing prohibition of heavy trucks on Astley Avenue, between Governors Bridge and the northwest end of Astley Avenue, to be in effect from Douglas Drive to the northwest end of Astley Avenue.
3. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing prohibition of heavy trucks on Highland Crescent, between Summerhill Avenue and Douglas Drive, to be in effect from Whitehall Road to Douglas Drive.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council amend the existing prohibition of heavy trucks on Whitehall Road, between Mount Pleasant Road and MacLennan Avenue, to be in effect from Highland Crescent to MacLennan Avenue.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the prohibition of heavy trucks on Governors Bridge, between Astley Avenue and Governor's Road/Nesbit Drive/Douglas Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All costs associated with the necessary signage installation are included within the Transportation Services 2018 Operating Budget estimates.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of Councillor Mary Fragedakis, Transportation Services investigated heavy truck activity within the Governors Bridge neighbourhood. During the course of the investigations, it was noted that trucks from the Rosedale neighbourhood, departing from Summerhill Market, were contributing to trucks travelling into the Governors Bridge neighbourhood.

Douglas Drive, between Glen Road and Astley Avenue is a local roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, heavy trucks are permitted at all times, and the TTC does not provide service on Douglas Drive.

Astley Avenue, between Douglas Drive and Governors Bridge is a local roadway that operated two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 7.3 metres. It has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h, heavy trucks are permitted at all times, and the TTC does not provide service on Astley Avenue.

Governors Bridge, between Astley Avenue and Governors Road is a local roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 6.1 metres. The majority of the road is a bridge and it has a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. Heavy trucks are permitted at all times and the TTC does not provide service on Governors Bridge.

Highland Crescent, between Summerhill Avenue and Whitehall Road is a collector roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 8.5 metres. The posted speed limit is 40 km/h, heavy trucks are prohibited at all times, and the TTC does not provide service on Highland Crescent.

Whitehall Road, between Mount Pleasant Road and Highland Crescent is a collector roadway that operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of about 10.0 metres. The posted speed limit is 30 km/h, heavy trucks are prohibited at all times, and TTC does not provide service on Whitehall Road.

The Summerhill Market is located at 446 Summerhill Avenue and fronts the north side of Summerhill Avenue where heavy trucks are permitted to travel between Highland Crescent and Glen Road.

Residents of the Governors Bridge neighbourhood have indicated that a significant numbers of heavy trucks use this roadway as a cut-through to access Bayview Avenue. Heavy trucks departing the Summerhill Market travel eastbound on Summerhill Avenue, which subsequently becomes Glen Road and Douglas Drive. Heavy trucks then turn north onto Astley Avenue, then east onto Governors Bridge, which provides access to the Governors Bridge neighbourhood. Upon crossing the bridge, heavy trucks turn left onto Nesbit Drive, which provides them access to Bayview Avenue. As a result, residents have indicated that the heavy truck traffic has caused noise and congestion, and is overall disruptive to the neighbourhood.

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 but to use that street to access another street to make a pick-up/delivery. As such, the proposed introduction of a "No Heavy Trucks" restriction on the subject section of Douglas Drive, Astley Avenue and Governors Bridge may lead to a reduced number of heavy trucks that are using the Governors Bridge neighbourhood as a cut-through route.

Additionally, the removal of the heavy truck prohibition on Whitehall Road, between Mount Pleasant Road and Highland Crescent, and Highland Crescent, between Whitehall Road and Summerhill Avenue, would provide a clear entry point/travel route for heavy trucks destined to Summerhill Market.

In addition to the recommendations of this report, there is also a companion report being submitted to City Council, entitled "Heavy Truck Prohibition - Glen Road," recommending a heavy truck prohibition for Glen Road, between Summerhill Avenue and the north end of Glen Road, as the subject segment of Glen Road carries TTC traffic.

Councillors Mary Fragedakis and Kristyn Wong-Tam have been advised of the recommendations of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

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