

Heavy Truck Prohibition - Glen Road

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

As the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates a transit service on Glen Road, City Council approval of this report is required.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement a heavy truck prohibition on Glen Road, between Summerhill Avenue and Douglas Crescent. 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. City Council amend the existing prohibition of heavy trucks on Glen Road, between Maple Avenue and Summerhill Avenue, to be in effect from Maple Avenue to the north end of Glen Road.

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.

Glen Road, between Summerhill Avenue and Douglas Drive 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 currently permitted at all times, and the TTC service is provided by the "75 Sherborne" bus and "82 Rosedale" bus.

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 Glen Road may lead to a reduced number of heavy trucks that are using the Governors Bridge neighbourhood as a cut-through route.

In addition to the recommendation in this report, there is also a companion report being submitted Toronto and East York Community Council, entitled Heavy Truck Prohibition - Rosedale Neighbourhood, recommending the implementation of a heavy truck prohibition on:

- Douglas Drive, between Glen Road and the east end of Douglas Drive;
- Astley Avenue, between Douglas Drive and Governors Bridge; and
- Governors Bridge, between Astley Avenue and Governors Road /Nesbitt Crescent/ Douglas Drive.

The companion report also recommends the removal of existing heavy truck prohibitions on Highland Crescent, between Summerhill Avenue and Douglas Drive, and Whitehall Road, between Mount Pleasant and MacLennan Avenue, in order to provide a clear entry/ travel route for heavy trucks destined to the Summerhill Market.

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

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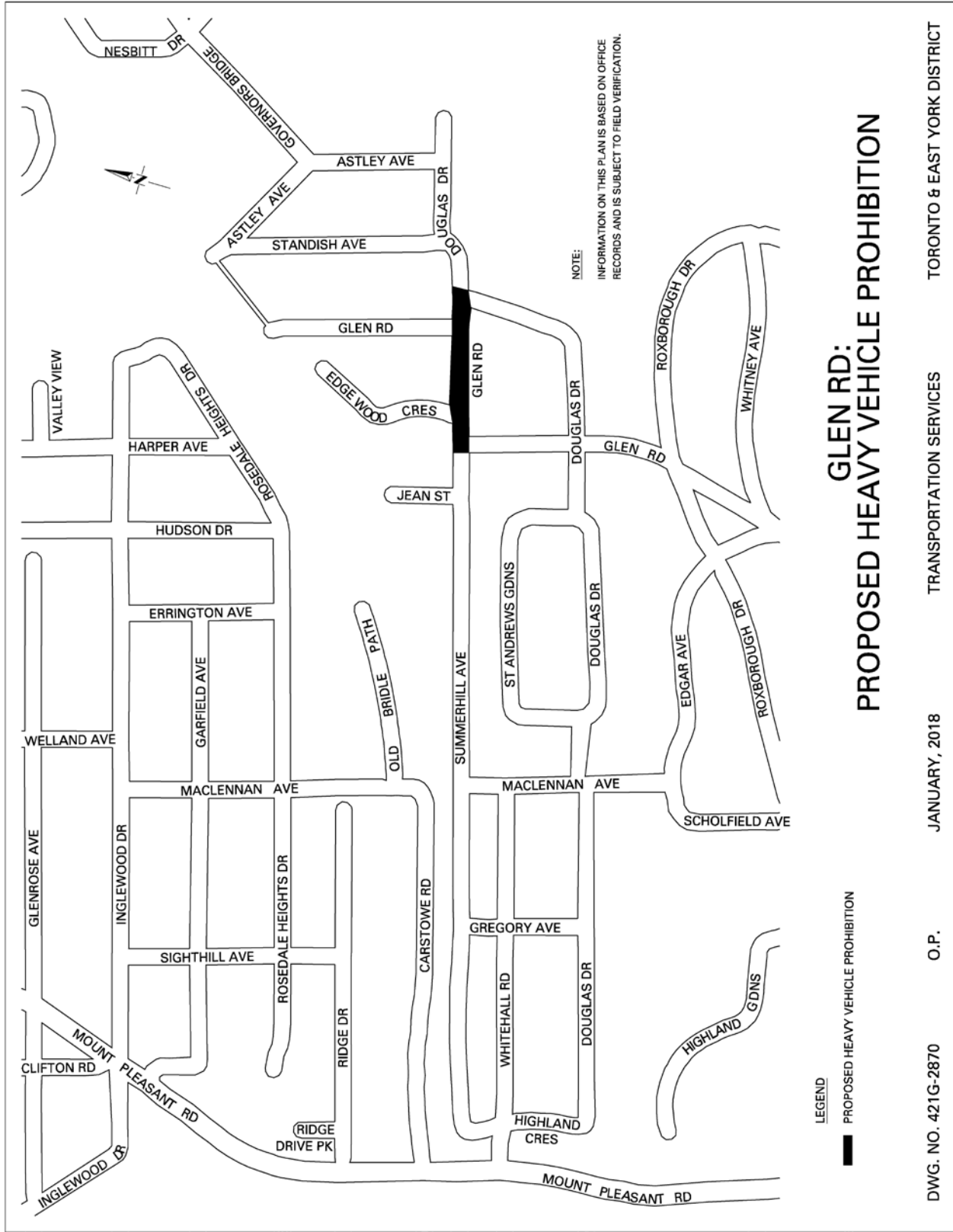
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ATTACHMENTS

1. Drawing No. 421G-2870, dated January 2018

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