

Heavy Truck Prohibition – Thomas Fisher Drive, Edward Horton Crescent and Augustus Terrace

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Transportation Services is requesting approval to implement heavy truck prohibitions, to be in effect at all times, on Thomas Fisher Drive, between Norseman Street and Edward Horton Crescent (south intersection), all of Edward Horton Crescent and all of Augustus Terrace. The introduction of these regulations is intended to reduce heavy truck traffic infiltrating the residential neighbourhood bounded by Norseman Street to the north and Islington Avenue to the east.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Transportation Services, Etobicoke York District recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Thomas Fisher Drive, between Norseman Street and Edward Horton Crescent (southeast intersection).
2. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Edward Horton Crescent, between Thomas Fisher Drive (northwest intersection) and Thomas Fisher (southeast intersection).
3. Etobicoke York Community Council prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Augustus Terrace, between Edward Horton Crescent and Thomas Fisher Drive.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost associated with the necessary sign installation is \$500.00. These funds are included within the Transportation Services Division's 2023 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services staff was requested by area residents to review the need for heavy truck prohibitions on the municipal roadways located within the recently completed residential development on the southwest corner of Islington Avenue and Norseman Street. Given the residential nature of this new community, heavy truck prohibitions, in effect at all times, are recommended on the municipal streets within this community.

Existing Conditions

Thomas Fisher Drive is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, local roadway that runs between Islington Avenue and Norseman Street
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 8.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There no TTC service provided
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street
- A commercial property (1020 Islington Avenue) that includes a grocery store is located on the south side of Thomas Fisher Drive.

Edward Horton Crescent is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, local roadway that runs between Thomas Fisher Drive (southeast intersection) and Thomas Fisher Drive (northwest intersection)
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There no TTC service provided
- There is a sidewalk located on the north/east side of the street

Augustus Terrace is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, north-south local roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 7.5 metres
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted at all times
- There no TTC service provided
- There is a sidewalk located on the east side of the street

The heavy truck prohibition on Thomas Fisher Drive, Edward Horton Crescent and Augustus Terrace, are recommended given the residential nature of this community. However, commercial vehicle access to 1020 Islington Avenue will be maintained on Thomas Fisher Drive between Islington Avenue and the south intersection of Edward Horton Crescent, approximately 81 metres.

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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 to access a particular street to make a pick-up/delivery. The proposed introduction of a "No Heavy Trucks" restrictions within this community will now only allow those heavy truck operators who have a legitimate reason to use the roadway.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations contained within this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Area Map -Heavy Truck Prohibition - Thomas Fisher Drive, Edward Horton Crescent and Augustus Terrace

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