

Heavy Trucks – Evans Avenue

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To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 3 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

SUMMARY

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

Transportation Services has reviewed the need for prohibiting heavy trucks at all times on Evans Avenue, between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road. Based on the assessment undertaken, Transportation Services does not recommend prohibiting heavy trucks at all times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council not authorize amending the existing heavy trucks prohibition in effect between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., on Evans Avenue, between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road, to be in effect at all times.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no financial impact resulting from the adoption of the recommendation in this report.

If City Council amends the recommendation in this report and authorizes the amendment to the heavy truck regulation, the estimated cost associated with the amendment is \$1000.00. Funding would be subject to availability and competing priorities within the Transportation Services 2025 Interim Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

At the request of the Ward Councillor, Transportation Services investigated the feasibility of amending the existing overnight heavy truck prohibition on Evans Avenue between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road, to be in effect at all times.

When considering the request to prohibit heavy trucks at all times on Evans Avenue, which is classified as an arterial road, we have to be cognizant of the impact of this regulation on the parallel roads. The subject section of Evans Avenue is comprised of single-family homes and some commercial properties, all of which have direct access. Very similar conditions also exist on Lake Shore Boulevard and Royal York Road. In addition, it should be noted that several former commercial properties on The Queensway between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road have recently or are being redeveloped into high density residential buildings. The properties that front on to these streets also have direct access to the arterial road.

In the past, we have received requests from residents of Royal York Road and Islington Avenue to also prohibit trucks from using these streets at all times, however, for consistency we have retained the same overnight prohibition on these streets as well. We realize that if you prohibit trucks from using one of the streets, the trucks will be shifted, in this case from Evans Avenue to The Queensway, Birmingham Street/Dwight Avenue or Lake Shore Boulevard. It is important to note that heavy trucks are exempt from these regulations if they are using these roads to make deliveries to properties that can not be reached except by using the prohibited road.

Furthermore, Evans Avenue between The West Mall and Royal York Road has several direct connections to Highway 427, Gardiner Expressway and Queen Elizabeth Way controlled access highways.

Existing Conditions

Evans Avenue is characterized by the following conditions:

- It is a two-lane, east-west minor arterial roadway
- It operates two-way traffic on a pavement width of approximately 9.5 metres
- The daily two-way traffic volume is approximately 10,500 vehicles
- The speed limit is 50 km/h
- Heavy trucks are permitted between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily
- There is TTC service provided by the 15 Evans bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, amending the existing overnight heavy truck prohibition to be in effect at all times on Evans Avenue between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road, is not recommended, as it is an integral part of the arterial road network and may impact adjacent roadways.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendation of this staff report.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Heavy Trucks - Evans Avenue

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