

## **Vehicle Width Restriction - Lane north of Lappin Avenue, east of Emerson Avenue**

**Date:** April 11, 2025

**To:** Toronto and East York Community Council

**From:** Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

**Wards:** Ward 9, Davenport

### **SUMMARY**

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

Transportation Services is seeking authority to prohibit vehicles greater than two metres in width from travelling on the lane first north of Lappin Avenue, east of Emerson Avenue. Prohibiting vehicles which have a width of two metres or more from travelling on the subject lane section would be beneficial in reducing the incidence of damage to the adjacent private property.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling the lane first north of Lappin Avenue, east of Emerson Avenue, between Emerson Avenue and the lane south of Dupont Street, east of Emerson Avenue (north-south segment).

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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The signage costs associated with the installation are approximately \$500.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

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This report addresses a new initiative.

## **COMMENTS**

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Transportation Services investigated concerns from property owners, adjacent to the lane north of Lappin Avenue, east of Emerson Avenue, regarding large vehicles using the public lane to access the west side of Wallace Emerson Park and garages for the property owners on Lappin Avenue. Residents report these large vehicles are causing damage to properties when travelling the subject lane section and when required to reverse when the width of the lane becomes too narrow to pass through.

The subject lane section of the lane north of Lappin Avenue, east of Emerson Avenue, runs east-west with access to Emerson Avenue on the west side and the lane south of Dupont Street, east of Emerson Avenue (north-south segment) on the east side. This subject lane section is bounded by:

- Wallace Emerson Park Trail to the north
- the lane south of Dupont Street, east of Emerson Avenue (north-south segment) to the east
- Lappin Avenue to the south
- Emerson Avenue to the west

The subject lane north operates two-way traffic and has a width of about 2.6 metres at its narrowest cross-section.

Staff undertook a site investigation on February 11, 2025, at approximately 12:00 p.m. and observed damage to exterior walls and fences of adjacent properties.

Given the relatively narrow width of the lane section and the potential for damage to abutting properties from large vehicles, Transportation Services is recommending a two-metre maximum vehicle width restriction be implemented for the subject lane section.

The vehicle width restriction will help reduce potential incidences of damage to private properties.

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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## **SIGNATURE**

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## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Vehicle Width Restriction - Lane north of Lappin Avenue and east of Emerson Avenue

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