

June 19, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services
Re: Heavy Truck Prohibitions – Foundry Avenue, Powerhouse Street, and
Brandon Avenue
Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

Transportation Services has been requested by the Ward 9 Councillor to provide wording for recommendations they plan to present to the July 8, 2025 Toronto and East York Community Council in lieu of a staff report. Staff request that this memorandum accompany the Councillor's letter.

Summary

- X Staff **support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff **do not support** the draft recommendations provided below
- Staff do not have sufficient data and/or time to determine if the draft recommendations provided below can be supported by staff, at this time

Draft Recommendations

1. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Foundry Avenue, between Brandon Avenue and Davenport Road.*
2. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Powerhouse Street, between Lansdowne Avenue and Foundry Avenue.*
3. *Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit heavy vehicles at all times on Brandon Avenue, between Lansdowne Avenue and Foundry Avenue.*

Heavy trucks are using Foundry Avenue, Powerhouse Street, and Brandon Avenue as a cut-through between Lansdowne Avenue and Davenport Road. These heavy trucks occupy the majority of the width of the road and block oncoming traffic, have difficulty maneuvering intersections, and create visibility concerns for all road uses (e.g., for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists). There are available alternate parallel travel routes (Davenport Road and Lansdowne Avenue), so the presence of these heavy trucks on the above noted local streets is not required. 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.

Financial Impact

Staff have not been able to develop engineering estimates for this work but based on previous experience and similar work in the past, we expect the costs associated with approving the draft recommendations below will be approximately \$1,500. As this work was not anticipated, it has not been specifically included in any approved budgets. Completion of the work would be subject to availability and competing priorities within future Transportation Services Operating Budgets, unless a specific funding source is identified by the Councillor and approved by Toronto and East York Community Council.

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