

Heavy Vehicles – Evans Avenue

Date: June 18, 2026

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

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 was directed to report back to Etobicoke York Community Council on the impacts of amending the overnight heavy vehicle prohibition to be in effect at all times. This report will provide the results of traffic studies conducted on Evans Avenue between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council receive this report for information.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting on March 26 and 27, 2025, City Council adopted Item EY20.15 - "Evans Avenue - Heavy Trucks" and, in doing so, amended the existing heavy vehicle prohibition in effect from 7:00 p.m. of one day to 7:00 a.m. of the next following day, on Evans Avenue, between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road, to be in effect at all times.

In addition, City Council requested the Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services to report to the Etobicoke York Community Council, in the first quarter of 2026, on the impacts of the above recommendation.

COMMENTS

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

Based on staff's review, amending the existing overnight heavy vehicle prohibition to be in effect at all times on Evans Avenue between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road, was not recommended, as it is an integral part of the arterial road network and may impact adjacent roadways. However, City Council approved prohibiting heavy vehicles at all times and requested that Transportation Services report back advising of the impacts of the amended prohibition.

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 40 km/h
- Heavy trucks are prohibited at all times
- There is TTC service provided by the 15 Evans bus
- There are sidewalks located on both sides of the street

Study Results

Transportation Services staff conducted automatic vehicle classification studies before and after the heavy vehicle amendments. Below are the results indicating the average number of heavy vehicles recorded daily over the course of the three-day study. Both studies were conducted in the same area during typical weekdays (Tuesday to Thursday). Prior to the heavy truck amendments heavy vehicles were allowed to travel the subject road section between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. daily. The results indicate the number of heavy vehicles recorded, during the hours in which heavy trucks were previously allowed on the subject section of Evans Avenue, have been reduced since the implementation of prohibiting heavy vehicles at all times. The results of the studies are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Evans Avenue between San Remo Terrace and Garroch Place - Heavy Vehicle Study Results

Date	Heavy Vehicles 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.	Heavy Vehicles 7 p.m. - 7 a.m.	Heavy Vehicles 24 Hour
October 8 to 10, 2024	365	72	437
June 2 to 4, 2026	211	51	262

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, prohibiting heavy vehicles at all times on Evans Avenue, between Islington Avenue and Royal York Road did reduce the number of heavy vehicles utilizing the subject section of Evans Avenue.

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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