

Vehicle Width Restriction - Public Lane System bounded by Beaver Avenue, Lightbourn Avenue, Brandon Avenue, and Primrose Avenue

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Enforcement and Street Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 9, Davenport

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 seeking authority to prohibit vehicles greater than two metres in width from travelling on the public lane system bounded by Beaver Avenue, Lightbourn Avenue, Brandon Avenue, and Primrose Avenue. Prohibiting vehicles which have a width of two metres or more from travelling in the subject lane system would be beneficial in reducing the incidence of damage to the surrounding infrastructure and private properties.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Toronto and East York Community Council prohibit vehicles over two metres in width from travelling on the lane system bounded by Beaver Avenue, Lightbourn Avenue, Brandon Avenue, and Primrose Avenue.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing the signs is \$750.00. Funding is available within the Transportation Services 2026 Operating Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

This report addresses a new initiative.

COMMENTS

Transportation Services investigated concerns raised by property owners regarding the public lane system bounded by Beaver Avenue, Lightbourn Avenue, Brandon Avenue, and Primrose Avenue. Residents reported that large delivery trucks using the subject lane system are causing damage to properties by scraping walls and striking the metal and concrete bollards installed to channelize vehicle movements and delineate property boundaries.

The lane system consists of the three lanes:

- the first lane north of Brandon Avenue, east of Primrose Avenue
- the first lane west of Lightbourn Avenue, south of Chandos Avenue
- the first lane west of Lightbourn Avenue, south of Beaver Avenue

The lane system operates two-way traffic and has a width of approximately 2.9 metres at its narrowest cross-section.

Staff undertook a site investigation on September 10, 2025, and observed damage to exterior walls of private properties, garages, and nearby metal and concrete bollards.

Given the relatively narrow width of the lane sections and the potential for damage to abutting properties from large vehicles, Transportation Services is recommending a two-metre maximum vehicle width restriction be implemented in the subject lane system. The vehicle width restriction will help reduce potential incidences of striking and damaging private properties and infrastructure.

A map of the area is included in Attachment 1.

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

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Map - Proposed Vehicle Width Restriction - Public Lane System
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