



Hamilton

REPORT 12-002

TRUCK ROUTE SUB-COMMITTEE

Tuesday October 11, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Room 264

Hamilton City Hall

Present: Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Councillor T. Whitehead, Vice-Chair
Councillors T. Jackson, B. Johnson, J. Partridge, M. Pearson

THE TRUCK ROUTE SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 12-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference (Item 5.1)

(Jackson/Johnson)

That the revised terms of reference for the Truck Route Sub-Committee be approved as attached as Appendix A to Report 12-002.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 4.1 Delegation request from Robert Whitelaw, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes
- 4.2 Delegation request from Danusia Szpak, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes

The agenda was approved as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 3)

(i) June 7, 2012 (Item 3.1)

The minutes from the June 7, 2012 Truck Route Sub-Committee, were received.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation request from Robert Whitelaw, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes (Added Item 4.1)

(ii) Delegation request from Danusia Szpak, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes (Added Item 4.2)

That the delegation request put forward by Robert Whitelaw and Danusia Szpak be hear in accordance with agenda item 5.4, as their request deals with the truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS/ PUBLIC HEARINGS/ DELEGATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Review of the Committee's Terms of Reference (Item 5.1)

The Committee was pleased with the updated terms of reference.

Refer to item 1 for disposition.

(ii) Truck Route Signage through the City – Restrictive and Permissive Truck Route Signage and the Statue of Dual Signage (no copy) (Item 5.2)

The Committee discussed the restrictive and permissive truck route signage through the City, and issues with enforcement. The Committee indicated a need to develop a consistency with truck route signage in Hamilton.

Staff were directed to report back to the Truck Route Sub-Committee with a uniform plan of signage for truck routes for within the City of Hamilton.

(iii) Truck Routes and the use of City owned vehicles, utility vehicles and large delivery vehicles (no copy) (Item 5.3)

The Committee discussed the use of utility vehicles within the City and expressed an interest in having those vehicles use designated truck routes when they are not on duty. The Committee requested that staff provide the committee with data from HSR, Horizon and waste management respecting the use of truck routes when not on duty.

The update respecting Truck Routes and the use of City owned vehicles, utility vehicles and large delivery vehicles, was received.

(iv) Truck Route prohibition on Kenilworth Avenue and on Dundurn Street (no copy) (Item 5.4)

Councillor Jackson indicated that the ban on the Kenilworth Avenue and on Dundurn Street were extend by Council for an additional eighteen months. Staff indicated that a report is due back to the Public Works Committee prior to the end of the eighteen month extension.

(IV)(i) Delegation request from Danusia Szpak, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes (Added Item 4.2)

Ms. Danusia Szpak gave a presentation to the Committee with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation was retained for the record.

The presentation by Danusia Szpak respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes, was received.

On a motion it was stated that by the date of February 28, 2013 the Kenilworth Access, Concession Street from Upper Gage to Upper Ottawa, and Upper Ottawa from Concession Street to Fennell Avenue East be a restricted route for truck traffic.

(iv)(ii) Delegation request from Robert Whitelaw, representing the East Mountain Community, respecting the prohibition of truck traffic

on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes (Added Item 4.1)

Mr. Robert Whitelaw spoke to the Committee. A copy of his speaking notes were retained for the record.

The delegation by Robert Whitelaw respecting the prohibition of truck traffic on the Kenilworth Access and respective designation of surrounding routes, was received.

(v) Corporate Farmers' use of designated Truck Routes in the rural area for travel from one farm to another (no copy) (Item 5.5)

The Committee discussed the needs of farmers in the rural area to transport their products. The Committee indicated that further work was needed respecting this item. Staff indicated that they would discuss the specific issues facing farmers with Councillors to seek a solution to truck route related issues.

The update respecting Corporate Farmers' use of designated Truck Routes in the rural area for travel from one farm to another, was received.

(f) ADJOURNMENT (Item 6)

The Truck Route Sub-Committee meeting, was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor R. Pasuta, Chair
Truck Route Sub-Committee

Christopher Newman
Legislative Coordinator
October 11, 2012

Truck Route Sub-committee Terms of Reference

Introduction:

The Truck Route Sub-committee has been established to consider issues related to the routing of heavy vehicles through the City of Hamilton. Trucks with a registered gross vehicle weight in excess of 4500 kg are considered heavy vehicles. Goods movement by truck is the primary means of transport within Hamilton, and a key element of the City's economy. The trucking industry desires a system that will allow the most expeditious movement of goods vehicles. However, heavy vehicles are often unwelcome due to noise and vibration issues, as well as conflicts with other road users, especially on neighbourhood streets or local rural roads. Heavy vehicles can damage roads not designed to accommodate them, so roads designated for heavy vehicle traffic must be constructed to a higher standard, at additional cost to the taxpayers. Therefore, a balance must be struck between the competing requirements. The definition of allowable travel routing for trucks is contained in the City's Traffic By-law and is referred to as the Truck Route System. Managing the Truck Route System is the primary responsibility of the Truck Route Sub-committee.

Mandate:

The Truck Route Sub-committee is to provide comments and recommendations on issues relevant to truck movements, truck route enforcement and the designated truck route system, not limited to: concerns with respect to existing truck routes, removal and addition of routes, signage, noise, impacts on existing traffic patterns, issues with respect to truck route enforcement and the justification for the future planning and design of the truck route system.

Composition:

The Truck Route Sub-Committee will be comprised of six members of Hamilton City Council.

Support Staff:

The following administrative support will be in attendance at Truck Route Sub-Committee meetings:

- Appropriate staff from the Public works, Environment and Sustainable Infrastructure Division
- Appropriate staff from the Hamilton Police Services, with a knowledge of Truck Route enforcement

Meetings:

The Truck Route Sub-Committee will meet quarterly, or at the call of the Chair.

Reporting:

The Truck Route Sub-Committee will report to the Public Works Committee.