



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 15, 2014
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Truck Route Sub-Committee, Portable Weigh Scales - Police Enforcement Tool (PW14113) - (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

At the August 14, 2014, Public Works Committee meeting, staff were directed to report back to Committee on the following:

Truck Route Sub-Committee Report 14-002 - June 19, 2014 (Item 8.1)

(a) Portable Weigh Scales - Police Enforcement Tool

- (a) That Traffic Operations staff be directed, in consultation with the Hamilton Police Services, to report to the Public Works Committee on the capital and operating costs involved with the use of Portable Weigh Scales at the September 15, 2014 meeting of the Public Works Committee;
- (b) That representatives from the Hamilton Police Services be invited to attend the September 15, 2014 meeting of the Public Works Committee to respond to questions respecting the purchase and operation of Portable Weigh Scales.

Information:

On August 26, 2014 Traffic staff met with members of the Hamilton Police Services (HPS) to discuss this matter. The Hamilton Police Service (HPS) reported as follows:

“The Hamilton Police Service (HPS) has met and had preliminary discussions surrounding the use of portable truck scales as part of our traffic enforcement initiative.

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The Hamilton Police Services (HPS) will require substantial time to review the Committee's question whether to purchase portable weigh scales to assist the Service with commercial vehicle enforcement; as several logistical issues need to be analyzed further i.e. staffing, scheduling, training.

The Hamilton Police Service (HPS) is committed to traffic and road safety and is currently examining commercial vehicle enforcement across the province. A review of the initiative should be completed in 2015, at which time the Service will contact Martin White, Manager of Traffic Operations and Engineering with the findings.”

As a result of the above comments from Hamilton Police Services (HPS), Traffic will withhold the purchase of portable truck weigh scales from the Red Light Camera Reserve until delivery of an acceptable commercial/vehicle enforcement program is presented to the City of Hamilton Truck Route Sub-Committee.

The Truck Route Sub-Committee will invite the Hamilton Police Services (HPS) to present the Truck Enforcement Program when it is complete in 2015.