



Hamilton

# INFORMATION REPORT

<b>TO:</b>	Chair and Members Public Works Committee
<b>COMMITTEE DATE:</b>	June 19, 2017
<b>SUBJECT/REPORT NO:</b>	Truck Routes - Standardization of Truck Route Signage (PW17050) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
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## Council Direction:

On January 25, 2017, Council received correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation as noted in the following Council Minutes:

5.8 Correspondence from Dino Bagnariol, P. Eng., Director, Highway Standards Branch, Ministry of Transportation, respecting the Standardization of Truck Traffic Signs.

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the General Manager of Public Works for a report to the Public Works Committee.

## Information:

At the May 5, 2016 Truck Route Sub-Committee meeting, a motion was passed requesting Mayor Eisenberger to send correspondence to the Minister of Transportation inquiring about standardization of truck traffic signage on municipal roadways. In response, the City received the subject letter dated January 9th, 2017 (Appendix A) from the Ministry of Transportation providing information regarding the standard use of truck route signage in the Province of Ontario. The Committee requested a report on this matter.

Prior to July 8, 2016, the City of Hamilton operated a Permissive Truck Route System which had been in use for many years and had been highly successful to direct

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professional and incidental truck operators through the City. The Permissive Truck Route System acted as a trail blazing system for trucks navigating Hamilton Roadways.

Due to concerns expressed to staff, Hamilton Police Services and members of Council regarding illegal Truck Traffic, Traffic Operations and Engineering hired a consultant to review the truck route signing system in Hamilton. After a thorough review of the provincial guidelines, as eventually described in Appendix A, and consultation with Hamilton Police Services, Provincial Offences Act (POA) prosecution staff, and a review of adjacent Municipalities truck route signing systems, it was recommended that the Permissive Truck Route Signing System be changed to an official Hybrid Truck Route Signing System utilizing both Permissive and Restrictive truck route signing. This involved using the permissive truck route trailblazing signing already in place and augmenting the permissive signing with restrictive truck route signs in critical locations to reinforce the truck route system. The intended result was to positively guide heavy vehicles and trucks through Hamilton and to use restrictive truck route signs to proactively address problematic locations as identified by Councillors, staff and residents.

Permissive (green circle)

Restrictive (red circle)

Truck Route Signage:

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On July 8th, 2016, the following resolutions were approved by City Council as part of Public Works Committee Report 16-012:

3. Report 16-003 of the Truck Route Sub-Committee – June 7, 2016 (Item 5.3)

(i) Truck Route Signage and By-law Methodology Review (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (a) That the current Permissive Truck Route Signing System be changed to an official Hybrid Truck Route Signing System utilizing both Permissive and Restrictive signing;
- (b) That staff proactively work with each Ward Councillor to determine problematic truck route violation locations and address concerns utilizing appropriate signage and education practices, in addition to:
  - (i) That Kenilworth Avenue from Burlington Street southerly be removed from the Truck Route with the installation of appropriate signage.
- (c) That staff develop a strategy to raise awareness of the Truck Route System, actively engage the trucking industry and, advertise and distribute the truck route maps and brochure to key stakeholders.

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The hybrid signing now in place in Hamilton is in conformance with the Correspondence from Dino Bagnariol, P. Eng., Director, Highway Standards Branch, Ministry of Transportation, respecting the Standardization of Truck Traffic Signs.

The Public Works Department continues to meet with Councillors and citizens to discuss truck route issues in each ward and continues to erect Permissive and Restrictive Truck Route signs to improve the Truck Route System in Hamilton. A strategy is underway to raise awareness of the Truck Route System, to actively engage the trucking industry and to advertise and distribute the truck route maps and brochure to key stakeholders.

**Appendices and Schedules Attached**

Appendix A – Correspondence dated January 9, 2017 from Ministry of Transportation