

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

Public Works Committee: June 14, 2021

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Improving Truck Route Detouring during Construction Closures

WHEREAS, a recent truck route detour submitted by a third-party contractor and signed off on by City of Hamilton Public Works staff failed to prevent many large trucks from entering residential streets in the North End;

WHEREAS, trucks that ignored detour sign notices and pylons and entered the residential streets created grave public safety concerns for residents who, along with their ward councillor, regularly witnessed large trucks maneuver through narrow passages, tight turns and one truck even downed power lines;

WHEREAS, no confirmed enforcement appeared to be in place ahead of the construction project. Instead, enforcement appeared only to be requested as a reaction to the unsafe disruption caused by the illegal cut-throughs by trucks. By that time, limited police resources prevented any consistent enforcement practice. This despite what appears to be a policy of required police enforcement for only some types of construction works in Hamilton and not others; and,

WHEREAS, having a proper and proactive detour plan that covers all eventualities including, but not limited to trucks cutting through residential neighbourhoods, is sound public safety policy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the appropriate City of Hamilton staff from Public Works be requested to investigate and report back to Public Works Committee on how the detour plan failed the residents of the North End Neighbourhood during the weekdays of June 7th through the 11th, 2021 and related to the CN rail repairs that closed Wellington Street North; and,
- (b) That the appropriate City of Hamilton staff from Public Works be requested to report back on measures to enhance the detour process thus ensuring proactive

public safety and that for future, no trucks ever have an option to illegally cut through a residential neighbourhood during a construction detour period; as is the rule at any other time.