

## **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 **7** 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.