Present: Councillors D. Mitchell (Chair), M. Pearson (Vice-Chair), C. Collins, S. Merulla, T. Whitehead

Absent with Regrets: Councillor B. Clark, personal commitment

Also Present: B. Shynal, H. Solomon, and G. Kirchknopf, Operations and Maintenance Division
I. Bedioui, City Clerk’s Office

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (Item 2)
   (a) That Councillor D. Mitchell be appointed Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee.
   (b) That Councillor M. Pearson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Truck Route Sub-Committee.

2. Outstanding Truck Route Issues List (Added Item)
   (a) That the list entitled Outstanding Truck Route Issues, here attached as Appendix “A” be amended by adding and West 5th to the truck route issues and by adding “the entrance of Binbrook on three (3) truck routes” to the section entitled Request for “engine brake” restriction signing.
   (b) That the document outlined in subsection (a) be received as amended.

3. Mandate and responsibilities of the Truck Route Sub-Committee (Terms of Reference)
   That the mandate of the Truck Route Sub-Committee here attached as Appendix “B” be approved.
For information:

(a) Previous minutes – to be received (Item 3)

The Minutes of the June 17, 2005 Truck Route Sub-Committee Meeting were received for information.

(b) Mandate and responsibilities of the Truck Route Sub-Committee (Terms of Reference)

Staff distributed copies of a list entitled Outstanding Truck Route Issues which was reviewed by the Sub-Committee and amended.

(c) Truck Route Master Plan – Study

Staff provided an overview of the following:

(i) Work plan

(ii) Content: Routes, signing structure, By-law update, load restrictions, engine brake restrictions

   The Sub-Committee directed that enforcement be added to the contents of the study.

(iii) Format of consultant request: R.F.P. (request for proposals)

(iv) Funding source

   Staff advised that the budget for this study is $200,000.

(v) Project timing

   Staff provided a schedule which was distributed to the Sub-Committee members.

(vi) Traffic counts

   The Sub-Committee requested that traffic counts be undertaken prior to the study on the following routes and that a copy of this list be circulated to members of the Sub-Committee:

   Fruitland Road
   Centennial Parkway
   Garth
   Highway 56

(d) Other Business

The Sub-Committee briefly discussed the possible impact of the proposed Mid-Peninsula Highway on this study and agreed that it is too premature to consider at this point.
Date of next meeting

A proposed schedule was distributed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor David Mitchell, Chair
Truck Route Sub-Committee

Ida Bedioui
Legislative Assistant
Truck Route Sub-Committee
September 17, 2007
Outstanding Truck Route Issues

- Millgrove Side Road – One way truck route to Hwy. # 6 signal (many illegal truck movements)
- Westbrooke Road – Boundary Road (legal truck route in Niagara, not in Hamilton)
- Haldibrook Road – Boundary Road (legal truck route in Haldimond, not in Hamilton)
- Upper Mount Albion Road (Stone Church Road – Rymal Road) - Residents want it moved to Pritchard Road
- McMaster University Area (Sterling, Forsyth, Dalewood, Haddon, King St. W.- illegal truck movements)
- Fruitland Road (Hwy. # 8 – northerly) – Residents complaining, too many trucks on this legal route?
- Nash Road (King St. to Barton St.) Part time Truck Route, residents were promised review to remove status upon opening of the R.H.V.P.
- Milburough Town Line Road – Boundary Road (large number of trucks on substandard pavement conditions)
- Princess St. (between Sherman & Birch) – illegal truck volumes using as a short cut to by-pass Barton Street
- Scenic Drive – residents complaining of the high number of illegal truck movements
- Glow Avenue – residents complaining of the high number of illegal truck movements
- White Church / Binbrook Road (Hwy. # 56 – Hwy. # 6) – designated in by-law as “Specified Users” – Police will not enforce, residents complain of the high number of illegal trucks
- Regional Road # 20 (east of Upper Centennial to City Limit) – complaints regarding too many trucks on this route
- Stone Church Road (Upper James – Upper Wellington) – Too many trucks on this truck route
- Strathearnle Ave. (Barton – Britannia) – complaints regarding illegal truck traffic
- Lakeview Dr. (North Service Road) – Too many trucks on this legal truck route
- Sanatorium Road – residents complaining about illegal truck traffic
- Ridge Road – Too many trucks on this legal truck route
- Rennie Street – Too many trucks on this legal truck route
- Concession 4 W – high number of illegal trucks from Hwy. # 6
- R.H.V.P. – request to direct eastbound truck traffic onto Mud Street instead of Dartnall or Trinity Church to Rymal
- West 5th Street from Rymal Road to Fennell Avenue – high number of illegal trucks

Request for “engine brake” restriction signing

- York Road (Dundas) – east of Hopkins Cres.
- Wilson Street (Ancaster) – on or about Montgomery Drive
- Lakeview Drive (Stoney Creek) – At the North Service Road
- entrance of Binbrook, on 3 truck routes
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 mandate of the Truck Route Sub-committee is to provide comments and recommendations to City Council via the Public Works Committee on issues relevant to truck movements and the designated truck route system, such as concerns with respect to existing truck routes, removal and addition of routes, signage, noise, and impacts on existing traffic patterns and the justification for the future planning and design of the truck route system.

Responsibilities
A primary responsibility of the Truck Route Sub-committee will be to guide and implement the Truck Route Master Plan. The intent of this study is to provide the need and justification for defining a current and future truck route system within the context of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Process.

The Master Plan will be a comprehensive review of the designated Truck Route System, along with the rules that pertain to operating it. In developing the Truck Route Master Plan, the Truck Route Sub-committee will solicit input from stakeholders including, but not limited to, the public, the police and the trucking industry. Public meetings will be held in the various geographic areas of the City to receive input from the general public.

The Master Planning exercise will be conducted by a consultant. The Sub-committee, along with selected staff, will act as the Steering Committee for the study, and will present the final recommendations to Committee and Council.

Duration
The Truck Route Sub-committee will have a term of office that parallels the term of City Council. The Sub-committee will meet as required to guide the progress of the Truck Route Master Planning exercise. Following completion of the Master
Plan, the Sub-committee will meet periodically, as required, at the call of the Chair, to address specific truck route related issues. These may be issues resulting from the implementation of the Master Plan recommendations or new issues.

**Membership and Conditions of Appointment**

Formal membership of the Truck Route Sub-committee is limited to members of City Council. Six members are included for the term 2006-2010. They are:

- Councillors Clark, Collins, Mitchell, Merulla, Pearson, and Whitehead

**Resource Staff** – City staff will act as a non-voting resource to the Sub-committee.

**Administrative Support**

The City of Hamilton will provide the Truck Route Sub-committee with:

- meeting facilities
- services of resource staff, if required
- documentation regarding City truck route initiatives

**Communications Protocol/Consultation**

Members of the Truck Route Sub-committee will communicate through the Chair on matters requiring external communications. This pertains to, but is not limited to, communications with Council, staff, members of the public, and the media. Communication with consultants will occur through City of Hamilton staff.

**Attendance**

Approximately 4 meetings are anticipated between September 2007 and February 2009.