



City of Port Moody

Report/Recommendation to Council

Date: December 9, 2021
Submitted by: Engineering and Operations Department – Infrastructure Engineering Services Division
Subject: Updating the Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw

Purpose

To propose an amendment bylaw to update the truck definition and the Major Road Network in the Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw, 1981, No. 1528.

Recommended Resolution(s)

THAT City of Port Moody Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw, 1981, No. 1528, Amendment Bylaw No. 21, 2022, No. 3333 be read a first, second, and third time as recommended in the report dated December 9, 2021 from the Engineering and Operations Department – Infrastructure Engineering Services Division regarding Updating the Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw.

Background

In 2018, TransLink contacted the City requesting assistance in harmonizing truck-related definitions and regulations (**Attachment 1**). This was part of an effort by TransLink to harmonize truck-related definitions and regulations in relevant bylaws in all Metro Vancouver municipalities. TransLink has received letters of support for this effort from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the BC Trucking Association, and the Project Cargo Working Group that includes several private transport companies and organizations.

Separately, at the Regular Council meeting held on March 8, 2016, Council passed the following resolution:

RC16/094

THAT an amendment bylaw be drafted to correct the designation of the entirety of Clarke Street as part of the MRN.

Discussion

Truck Definition

The work by TransLink to harmonize truck definitions and regulations across Metro Vancouver municipalities aims to improve the consistency, certainty, and efficiency of permit application and review processes. Comments from industry in support of the initiative note that harmonization will improve understanding and compliance by the trucking industry, thereby improving safety.

Most Metro Vancouver municipalities have adopted a heavy truck definition establishing a weight threshold of 11,800kg as the determining criterion. However, the City's Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw currently in force establishes that weight threshold at 10,000kg. The proposed amending bylaw (**Attachment 2**) would update the weight threshold in the Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw to 11,800kg.

Correction of Clarke Street Designation

Currently, the Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw identifies the entirety of Clarke Street as part of the Major Road Network (MRN). However, Clarke Street from Barnet Highway to Highview Place is not part of the MRN. The proposed amending bylaw (**Attachment 2**) would update Schedule B to correctly identify Clarke Street from Barnet Highway to Moody Street as part of the MRN.

Next Steps

The Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw would benefit from reorganization and modernization, which would enable it to better address evolving issues. Infrastructure Engineering Services staff intend to revisit this bylaw next year in a more comprehensive manner and solicit feedback from the Transportation Committee.

Other Option(s)

If Council opts to not pass the amendment bylaw, the City's definition of a truck would remain uncoordinated with other municipalities in Metro Vancouver. Also, Clarke Street west of Barnet Highway to Highview Place would continue to be incorrectly identified as part of the MRN. For these reasons, no other options are being presented.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications from this recommendation.

Communications and Civic Engagement Initiatives

City staff have been engaging with TransLink staff.

Council Strategic Plan Objectives

The proposed change aligns with the City's strategic priority towards Exceptional Service and the following strategic action:

- Form effective relationships with service delivery partners, industries, and stakeholders to improve service delivery: Strengthen relationships with other levels of government, First Nations, community groups, and partners.

Attachment(s)

1. Letter from TransLink Re: Request for Assistance to Harmonize Truck-Related Definitions and Regulations.
2. City of Port Moody Street, Traffic, and Public Places Bylaw, 1981, No. 1528, Amendment Bylaw No. 21, 2022, No. 3333.

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