

# Concern over gravel truck traffic hits high gear at council meeting

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Gravel truck traffic in Halton Hills was the hot topic at the committee meeting Monday night.

Committee members heard from several area residents concerned about gravel trucks on Trafalgar Rd., Guelph St. in Norval, Regional Rd. 43 in Limehouse, 17 Sideroad and Maple Ave.

Trafalgar Rd. resident Barbara Herner raised concerns about volume and noise of truck traffic, excessive speeds, and the effect banning trucks on Maple Ave. would have on the volume of trucks on Trafalgar Rd.

Herner suggested Hwy. 25 be designated the route for gravel trucks, and that an arterial route, bypassing the town to the north be constructed to link 401 and Hwy. 7.

Delia Gaskill-Cadwallader of Limehouse told councillors Monday through Friday between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. it is unsafe to walk Regional Rd. 43 in Limehouse due to the number of trucks. She would like to see the trucks prohibited from that road.

"A sign should be placed (by the entrance to Limehouse) Danger, Children Keep Out Trucks Only."

Norval resident Pauline Gladstone complained about the number of speeding trucks that pass by her Guelph St. home. She counted 162 trucks in 120 minutes.

"We need serious speed enforcement," said Gladstone.

Susan Glover-Takahashi of Edith St. discussed trucks on Maple Ave.

She said Maple Ave. and other roads in town should share the truck traffic, but currently Maple Ave. is suffering a disproportionate share.

Following the delegations council discussed the Maple Ave. truck traf-

fic issue at length.

Councillor Gail Rutherford put forward a recommendation banning gravel trucks on Maple Ave. temporarily until the speed limit from



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Guelph St. to Main St. could be reduced to 40 km, and sidewalks along both sides of Maple Ave. could be built. After much balking from councillors on that she softened the amendment to say until plans and designs of the sidewalks were in the place.

"A total ban is not going to help anyone but the people who live on Maple Ave. and is going to impact on everyone else in town," said



G. RUTHERFORD



R. HEATON

Mayor Miller. Councillor Pam Johnston was concerned the ban was open-ended, and Councillor Marilyn Serjeantson did not want to see the Maple Ave. trucks become

the problem of residents in other areas of town.

Only Rutherford and Heaton supported the amendment.

In the end council supported the recommendations in town staff's original report with some changes:

- Committee supported sending a copy of the staff report to the region for information, endorsement and the undertaking of a geometric and traffic operational review of Maple Ave. and Main St. intersection.

- They supported sending a copy to Halton Regional Police along with a request to initiate or improve on selective traffic enforcement on Maple Ave.

- Town staff were directed to include in the next update of the Halton Hills transportation study a detailed investigation of an alternative east-west for heavy traffic between Trafalgar Rd. and Winston Churchill Blvd. It was also recommended the Ministry of Transportation be forwarded a copy of the report and requested to expedite improvements to Hwy. 7 at the Trafalgar Rd. intersection to provide a safe east-west alternative to Maple.

- Committee supported a ban on heavy truck traffic on Maple from 7 to 9 a.m. and 3 to 4:30 p.m., (with the exception of government vehicles) and a speed reduction to 40 km on a trial basis through the end of June 1995.

- Also supported was request to have the region investigate traffic calming measures that could be introduced on Maple, and a request for increased traffic enforcement on that road by the Ministry of Transportation.

The recommendations need to be approved by council, likely at the next meeting, before they are official.

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