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TO/DEST.                 Co-ordinator Transportation Committee

FROM/EXP.                Director Mobility Services and Corporate Fleet Services  
Environment and Transportation Department

SUBJECT/OBJET           **INCREASED FINES FOR HEAVY TRUCKS USING  
NON-TRUCK ROUTES**

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Transportation Committee recommend Council approve that the fine for a heavy truck illegally using a non-truck route be increased from \$80 to \$120.**

### **BACKGROUND**

The Department receives many complaints concerning heavy trucks illegally using Regional roads not designated as truck routes. Many complaints are generated by heavy trucks using Kirkwood Avenue and Russell Road among others between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., the Vanier Parkway, Booth Street and the Clyde/Maitland Avenues corridor.

It is apparent that the current fine of \$80 is not high enough to be an effective deterrent. It is therefore proposed that the fine for this offence be increased to \$120, which should help to curb the heavy truck operators ongoing disregard for this prohibition.

Increases to fines incorporating cost of living increases are routinely applied for by staff without formal reports to Committee. However, in this situation it is obvious that a particular penalty is no longer sufficient to deter the aberrant action it is meant to, and the fine is therefore being increased dramatically by a factor of 50%. For this reason staff feel that it should be formally approved.

## CONSULTATION

The general public's concern with this issue is well known to Councillors and to the Department. The Department therefore recommends that no further formal consultation is required.

However, the trucking associations have been sent a copy of the report and have been offered the opportunity to address the Committee.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

At the present time the Ministry of the Attorney General forwards fines collected for Traffic and By-law infractions to the area municipalities. Staff will request that any fines collected from "tags" issued by the Ottawa-Carleton Regional Police Service be sent to the Region

There may be significant financial implications for heavy truck operators subjected to the new fine.

## PROVINCIAL APPROVAL

When the new fine is approved by Council, staff will draft a set fine request and forward it to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval. This could take up to six months as it is staff's understanding that there is a backlog of such requests at the Ministry office.

*Approved by G. Malinsky  
on behalf of Doug Brousseau*

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