
Inquiry - Councillor R. Donauer (December 18, 2017) Movement of Large Sewage Trucks to Wastewater Treatment Plant through Silverwood Heights Community

Recommendation

That the report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department dated August 13, 2018, be forwarded to City Council for information.

Topic and Purpose

This report provides a response to an inquiry regarding the issue of waste haul trucks traveling through the Silverwood Heights neighbourhood to deliver to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

Report Highlights

1. Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw regulates the travel of heavy trucks having a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of more than 8,000 kilograms.
2. In August of 2018, letters will be sent directly to waste haulers, advising that the Lenore Drive - Whiteswan Drive route is to be used to the WWTP to improve bylaw compliance, and to encourage truck drivers with GVWs under 8,000 kilograms to use Lenore Drive instead of collector streets in Silverwood Heights.
3. The Waste Hauler Disposal Station at the WWTP is scheduled to be relocated to the Marquis Industrial area in early 2019.

Strategic Goal

This report supports the Strategic Goal of Moving Around by improving the safety of all road users, and helps provide a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Background

The following inquiry was made by Councillor R. Donauer at the meeting of City Council held on December 18, 2017:

“Would the Administration please report on our ability to prevent large sewage trucks, or other large trucks, from cutting through residential areas like Silverwood en route to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. In particular, can we prevent them from driving past multiple elementary schools as they drive through a residential neighbourhood with their industrial load.”

Report

Bylaw Application

Bylaw No. 7200, The Traffic Bylaw regulates the travel of heavy trucks having a maximum GVW of more than 8,000 kilograms. Schedule No. 8 of the bylaw prescribes pickup and delivery vehicle routes. The bylaw states that a vehicle may deviate from the routes designated in Schedule No. 8 provided that the operator of such vehicles uses

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the most direct route on the arterial road network from the pickup and delivery vehicle route to its destination, and the most direct route on any other city streets in the neighbourhood from the arterial road network to its destination.

On Schedule 8, Wanuskewin Road is a designated pickup and delivery vehicle route. The most direct way on the arterial network to the WWTP is Lenore Drive. The most direct route from Lenore Drive to the WWTP is Whiteswan Drive. Attachment 1 depicts the pickup and delivery routes and highlights the waste haul route to the WWTP.

Trucks having a maximum GVW of less than 8,000 kilograms may use all streets. Sanitary waste is not considered “dangerous goods” regulated by Bylaw No. 8153, The Transportation of Dangerous Goods.

Travel Management Measures

The Administration has taken the following actions to improve bylaw compliance and to encourage drivers of trucks with GVWs under 8,000 kilograms to use Lenore Drive.

- In August of 2018, letters will be sent directly to waste haulers advising them to use the Lenore Drive - Whiteswan Drive route to the WWTP.
- Silverwood Road, with two elementary schools located adjacent, is scheduled to be monitored for compliance in August.

If compliance does not improve, the Administration will take the following actions:

- Temporary signage will be installed near the intersection of Wanuskewin Road and Adilman Drive.
- The Saskatoon Police Service will be requested to increase truck enforcement.

Marquis Liquid Waste Hauler Station

The Waste Hauler Disposal Station at the WWTP is scheduled to be relocated to 3706 Arthur Rose Avenue in the Marquis Industrial area in early 2019. Moving the facility will reduce the number of heavy trucks travelling through the Silverwood Heights and Lawson Heights neighbourhoods. Some residual truck traffic can be expected to support plant operations, these vehicles will receive instructions to use the Lenore Drive - Whiteswan Drive route.

Communication Plan

The City will provide an informational update to the Silverwood Heights Community Association and area elementary schools regarding the imminent relocation of the Waste Hauler Disposal Station as well as interim travel management measures. The saskatoon.ca webpage on the WWTP will also be updated to include information about the disposal station’s relocation.

Other Considerations/Implications

There are no options, public and/or stakeholder involvement, policy, financial, environmental, privacy, or CPTED considerations or implications.

Due Date for Follow-up and/or Project Completion

There is no follow-up to this report.

Public Notice

Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Attachment

1. Recommended Truck Haul Route to Wastewater Treatment Plant

Report Approval

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