

Memorandum

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TO: Members of Council
FROM: Mr. J. Hannam, City Clerk
DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2019
**SUBJECT: Additional Information
Committee of the Whole/City Council (Public Meeting)/ City Council (Special Session) – January 21, 2019**

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

NEW BUSINESS

1. Letter dated January 18, 2019, from Mr. Stephen Laskowski, President- Ontario Trucking Association, requesting an opportunity to make a deputation before City Council relative to the Designated Truck Route. (Distributed Separately on Monday, January 21, 2019)
2. Letter dated January 21, 2019, from Mr. Rick Monty, Citizen, requesting an opportunity to make a deputation before City Council relative to the Designated Truck Route. (Distributed Separately on Monday, January 21, 2019)
3. Confidential memorandum from Ms. K. Power, Deputy City Clerk, dated January 21, 2019 relative to establishing Committee of the Whole - Closed Session meetings on to be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 , Monday, January 28, 2019 and Wednesday, January 30, 2019 (Distributed Separately to Members of Council and EMT only on Monday, January 21, 2019).



Sent Via Email: jhannam@thunderbay.ca

January 18, 2019

Mr. John Hannam, City Clerk
Office of the City Clerk
City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, 3rd Floor
Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7E 5V3

Dear John,

Re: Request for Deputation Regarding Designated Truck Route

As president of the Ontario Trucking Association I would like to make a deputation before City Council on Monday January 21, 2019 before the vote commences on the ratification of the designated truck route.

OTA believes that Council's decision to create a new truck route will not improve safety for the citizens of Thunder Bay. OTA believes that the new truck route poses many unintended consequences for the City of Thunder Bay that will negatively impact road safety and traffic flow – particularly for local commuters on Hwy 11/17 between Red River Road and the Harbour Expressway, as well as the area of the Village of Kakabeka Falls.

OTA will be asking council not to ratify the motion, thereby delaying the implementation of the proposed new truck route, until consultation is conducted with stakeholders involving a more comprehensive statistical, safety, traffic flow and legal analysis of this proposed alternative truck route. This would involve the development of a discussion paper involving the findings of the above analysis. This discussion paper would be circulated for final input by all stakeholders prior to being presented to council so a clear and cohesive perspective of the issue and its supporting data can be achieved prior to council voting on the matter. Such an approach would allow evidence-based policy making decision and allow all stakeholders, members of Council and the citizens of Thunder Bay to have a clear understanding of the safety and traffic impacts of this decision proper to a vote and ratification of a proposed new truck route.

OTA will also present an alternative policy option that Arthur Street and Dawson Road area be made a community safety zone thereby giving the city the authority to lower vehicle speeds as well as the option to introduce photo radar.

To make this deputation OTA will provide an overview of the current safety data along with a description of the key safety, enforcement and traffic flow issues that OTA believes need to be examined on the impacted roads as a result of new designated truck route.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Laskowski'.

Stephen Laskowski
President

Hello

My name is Rick Monty and I represent the affected areas. I would like the opportunity to make a deputation before Council on January 21, 2019 regarding the Designated Truck Route. Thank you for your time.

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