



RE: FCM'S RESPONSE TO RTAC'S PROPOSED INTERPROVINCIAL HEAVY VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendations of the Director Engineering be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 FEBRUARY 02

FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

SUBJECT: F.C.M.'S RESPONSE TO RTAC'S PROPOSED INTERPROVINCIAL HEAVY VEHICLE WEIGHTS AND DIMENSIONS

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Provincial Minister of Transportation and Highways be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the District of Burnaby is strongly opposed to any increase in allowable truck lengths and strongly supports increased enforcement of truck weight limitations.
2. THAT the FCM and City of New Westminster be advised of the action taken by Council.

R E P O R T

Council, at its meeting of 1988 February 01, received under correspondence and petitions a letter from Alderman E.R. Toporowski of the City of New Westminster related to the captioned subject. Attached to this submission was a copy of a position paper that was adopted by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities at its Board meeting of 1987 December 11.

We do not have available to us at this time a copy of RTAC's report entitled "Recommended Regulatory Principles for Interprovincial Heavy Vehicle Weights and Dimensions" and are therefore unable to enter into an in-depth study of its ramifications. However, from reading the position paper of the FCM, we support its conclusions based on our experiences with today's allowable truck weights and dimensions. Many of our truck routes, which were designed as urban standard collector streets, not arterial highways, have severe limitations to the safe maneuvering of these vehicles. These limitations have and are continuing to force us to redesign and reconstruct intersections to accommodate them. We are also concerned about a seemingly accelerated current breakdown of the pavement surfaces on some of our more heavily used truck routes and we fear that any possible increases in allowable truck weights will only compound the problem. By the same token, we strongly support increased enforcement of existing truck weight limitations.

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In summary, we recommend that Burnaby express its opposition to proposals that would increase the weight or dimensions of trucks over those now listed as maximum.

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DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

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cc: Traffic Supervisor