

## Report to Council

**Report Title:** Municipal Load Restriction  
**Prepared By:** Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations  
**Department:** Operations  
**Date:** January 23, 2024  
**Report Number:** PW2024-02                      **File Number:** C11PW

### Attachments:

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### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number PW2024-02 - Municipal Load Restriction, prepared by Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations and in doing so approves a by-law coming forward designating authority to the Director of Operations to implement load restrictions on municipal roads between January 1 and December 31 as per the Highway Traffic Act.

### Report:

#### Background:

*Subsection 1 of Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8* provides the Ministry of Transportation the authority to restrict load weights on provincial highways between March 1 and April 30 of each year. This restriction is known as the half load season.

*Subsection 7 of Section 122 of the Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8* allows each municipality to pass their own by-law to restrict loading on roads within their jurisdiction. Currently the Municipality does not have a Load Restriction By-law. The half load season is generally assumed by trucking companies to apply to all half load roads, including those in Brockton.

#### Analysis:

The municipality continues to see prolonged wet periods, which correlates with road deterioration. The majority of Brockton roads are considered half load roads, which do not stand up to regular transport weight in unfavorable seasons. Staff recommend establishing a new by-law that addresses this issue. The by-law will designate authority to the Director of Operations to post load restrictions as required on municipal highways to prevent unnecessary damage to road infrastructure.

## Strategic Action Plan Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

- Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life Yes
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development N/A
- Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance Yes

## Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

Minimal costs may be incurred for additional signage, already included within the operations budget.

### Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

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### Respectfully Submitted by:



Nicholas Schnurr, Director of Operations

### Reviewed By:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer