

COUNCIL MEMBERS' MOTION

*For consideration at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on
September 17, 2025*

1. Reopening Clark Drive: Protecting East Vancouver's Livability and Port Access

Submitted by: Councillor Dominato

WHEREAS

1. The Port of Vancouver is Canada's largest and most diversified port, playing a vital role in the national economy and serving as a major engine of trade, employment, and economic activity for the City of Vancouver and the broader region;
2. In 2011, a temporary rerouting of container truck traffic from the Clark Drive entrance to Commissioner Street was implemented due to construction at the Port of Vancouver;
3. This diversion, intended to be temporary, has since become permanent, resulting in increased truck traffic through residential corridors including Powell Street, Dundas Street, Nanaimo Street, and McGill Street;
4. In 2012, Vancouver's council approved a long-term transportation plan for the city, which included a goal to "advocate for the port to reopen Clark Drive as the primary north-south access point for port facilities" before 2017;
5. Residents have reported excessive noise, ground-shaking vibrations, and adverse effects on their health, safety, and quality of life—particularly for children and families;
6. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority recently confirmed that the Clark Drive entrance has been permanently closed to inbound container trucks;
7. Local residents have recently started an online petition calling for the re-opening of the Clark Drive entrance; and
8. The City of Vancouver does not currently have jurisdiction over port entrance decisions but does have a responsibility to advocate for the well-being and livability of its citizens.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Vancouver City Council formally acknowledge and support the concerns raised by East Vancouver residents regarding the impact of the permanent container truck rerouting.
- B. THAT Council direct staff to collaborate with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority to re-evaluate access options, including the feasibility of reopening the Clark Drive entrance full time or during certain times of the day to minimize residential disruption.
- C. THAT Council direct staff to explore traffic mitigation strategies—such as noise abatement measures, time-of-day restrictions, and route buffering—to reduce harm to affected neighborhoods.
- D. THAT The City of Vancouver advocate to Transport Canada and other federal entities for policy changes that empower municipalities to influence port-related traffic decisions.
- E. THAT A copy of this motion be forwarded to relevant City staff, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, and Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly representing impacted areas.

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