

## Heavy trucks will be restricted in core by end of month

By Bill Rea

Peel Region will be implementing the new truck restrictions in the downtown area of Bolton, and Mayor Allan Thompson doesn't think there will be much trouble enforcing that.

Heavy trucks will be restricted, effective Nov. 30, on the roads making up the main intersection of the Bolton core. That will include Queen Street (Regional Road 50 or Highway 50) from Emil Kolb Parkway to Healey Road, and King Street from Coleraine Drive to Albion Vaughan Road.

The Region reports a "heavy truck" will be defined as a commercial motor vehicle with a weight when unloaded, of three tonnes or more, or when loaded, of five tonnes or more.

The Region is encouraging the operators of heavy trucks to use the Emil Kolb Parkway/Coleraine Drive to bypass the downtown core. Local collections and deliveries are exempt from the heavy truck restriction as some trucks still need local access, but truck-turning restrictions will remain at the intersection of King and Queen Streets for such vehicles.

Thompson said there have been partnerships created with the trucking industry, through such bodies as Peel's Goods' Movement Task Force, the Ontario Trucking Association, etc.

"We have ways of informing the trucking public," he said.

As well, Thompson pointed out there will be signage posted to announce the changes. Caledon OPP will be watching for violations, as well as Ministry of Transportation inspectors.

"They'll be quite cooperative," he commented.

"Is it enforceable?" he asked. "Yeah, it has to be. The residents of Caledon deserve it."

Thompson added the new Emil Kolb Parkway should be an attractive alternative. He said he's been in contact with people in the trucking industry, and he's heard no negative comments.

"They love the new route," he declared.