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From: Mogg, Rebecca
Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 4:36 PM
To: Gosse, Roxanne; Rudy, Jo-Anne
Subject: Changes to Burlington's Parking Policy

I have been a Burlington resident since 1997 and have lived at my current address for approximately 6.5 years. In the time I have lived at my current address, the parking situation on my street has grown steadily worse. I own 1 vehicle and keep that vehicle in my garage....the purpose for which a garage was intended. The vast majority of my neighbors do not use their garages for storing their vehicles but instead choose to park on the street, almost full time. There are times when it is extremely challenging to get out of my own driveway because neighborhood cars are parked, in front of my house and across the street from the end of my driveway. The summer is challenging but, in the winter when snowbanks are high, it becomes practically impossible. I have often had to make use of my 4 wheel drive capabilities on my vehicle to exit the drive as this task required scaling the snow bank, just to avoid hitting other cars. In addition, if I have guests that arrive in more than one vehicle, they have to fight for parking in the vicinity with residents.

The proposed change in parking policy and the implementation of a paid permit system which allows residents to park as many vehicles as they have permits for on the street at any time and for as long as they like will, in my view make the current situation much, much worse. I am not supportive this change in policy/approach to parking management. I would strongly recommend that residents, instead of being offered alternatives for on street parking, be encouraged instead to make use of the facilities available to them already: garage, driveway etc. I firmly believe that on street parking should be available to all residents and not just to those who hold permits. This change in policy will fill my street up with permitted residential parking making it extremely difficult for me to use my property to the fullest.

Thank you for your consideration. I'd be happy to discuss my concerns with you further and can be reached at the below telephone numbers.

Sincerely

Rebecca Mogg