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Sent: Monday, July 11, 2016 3:39 PM

To: Gosse, Roxanne; Rudy, Jo-Anne

Cc: Mailbox, Office of Mayor Rick Goldring; Sharman, Paul

Subject: Fwd: Neighbourhood On-Street Parking Program (NOSPP) and Pay Parking Permit Program

July 11, 2016

To Whom It May Concern,

Re: On Street Residential Pay Parking Program (NOSPP)

This letter is to respond to the letter dated June 23, 2016 from the City of Burlington regarding the NOSPP.

I am currently a resident in the Orchard Community and have lived in Burlington since I was two years old. My children have enjoyed growing up in the Burlington Community as well.

I am very disappointed with the City of Burlington's decision to implement on-street pay for parking program. I have comprised a few issues that should be considered prior to implementation and request a response to such issues.

1. The City of Burlington approved the original site plan designs for the building of the Orchards subdivision. It is my opinion that the City did not allow for proper parking in the first place – allowing builders to provide a minimal amount of parking – most of the residents either have only one or two parking spots available to them. It seems to me that there was poor planning on the City's part to allow this to happen – consequently the tax payers end up paying for the City's mistake.
2. The sidewalks cut through many resident's driveways not allowing them to park two vehicles. Maybe the City should be looking into moving these sidewalks to the bottom of the driveway allowing for an additional vehicle to be parked in the resident's driveway.
3. The single car garages are too small for the current medium sized vehicles to park in and actually be able to get out of your vehicle. I personally can squeeze my vehicle into the garage however I am unable to open the door to get out of my vehicle – I guess you would like me to climb out of the window?
4. As the properties are small, there is no storage available on the property thus requiring residents to store items such as a snow blower, lawnmower, bikes, etc. into their garage. I personally do not have outdoor access to my backyard (I have to go through my home to access the backyard) making outdoor storage impossible.

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5. I live in a townhouse community and there was never any guest parking provided in my complex. It makes it very difficult to have guests overnight – where will they be able to park?
6. Fixed income residents – the Burlington community has a large senior population. A lot of these seniors are on fixed incomes which makes paying an additional \$300/year not possible.
7. I specifically purchased a freehold townhouse as I did not want to pay condo fees, nor could I afford them. Implementing a parking permit is like having to pay for a condo fee when in reality it is just another tax the City is trying to implement.
8. The City is forcing people to move from their community as they are unwilling to pay another tax. If I could afford a larger home with a larger driveway I would have.

It is unfortunate that the City's poor planning is causing the residents financial hardship. Why should we pay for your mistakes? – the City approved the design). This is just another money grab/tax by the City.

I hope that you will take the time to review and respond.

Sincerely,

Kim Coulson