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\* I have read and understand that my name, contact information and comments will be made publicly available in the Council Agenda.

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\* Subject Parking permit fees

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

Hi,

I disagree with the implementation of the parking permit fees particularly the fee related to the Visitor permits. The city has approved making certain areas of the city very dense which is what has created the parking shortage. Residents should not have to pay to park in front of their own houses.



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\* Subject Proposed Parking Changes - Cost to Permits

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As a family with four children we are already finding our inner city home and related costs (higher taxes due to property value, upkeep, etc.) overwhelming. Adding yet another fee to inner city families, for us to have visitors being able to park their cars would cause an uproar if we lived in Tuscany, Signal Hill, or any other family-focussed suburb -- even though my taxes subsidize all the new developments. I wish I had more time to comment, write letters or speak with council - but the very least I can offer up is my heartfelt opinion that charging fees to Calgarians living in these areas to cover the cost of these programs is unfair and really upsetting - particularly to residents that have been in these neighbourhoods (Parkdale, Hillhurst, etc.) for decades. Share the cost with all Calgarians, through other taxes revenues, if needed - the same way we share the costs of other city driven projects.



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* Subject	Residential Parking Permit Fee

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Hi, I am writing in concerns with the proposed residential parking permit fees. As residents of Parkdale, we are close to the hospital. This is unclear as to how paid permits will lessen the amount of traffic in our area? Would hospital workers not see this as a cheaper parking option to purchase a permit in our area? If a resident chooses to not pay for a permit, does this mean they are not allow visitors in their home? Suburban homes are charged at a much less property tax rate, our area pays a significant amount of taxes already to have our free parking removed. Our property tax payment should already cover for these expenses, and not have our right of parking in front of our own homes at no cost removed. How are residential areas like ours differ from suburban areas where homeowners with no zone parking may park anywhere on the street at no cost!



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* First name	Kim
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* Subject	Report TT2020-0923 Changes to Residential Parking

Hello,

I am writing with respect to the proposal to charge for residential parking permits.

My primary issue with this proposal is that this is a regressive "tax" from a policy perspective, in that it is likely to disproportionately impact those with the least income - those who live in duplexes, 4-plexes, etc. Those with higher income will continue to park in their driveways or garages.

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Second, this will just push more vehicles into non-permitted areas (including areas adjacent to parks and recreational areas), discouraging use of those spaces. Or creating situations where there is no parking around your home if you happen to live in a non-permitted area close to a permitted area.

Costs of parking management should be shared equally among all residents regardless of whether they live in a permit or non permit area.

Regards  
Kim



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* Subject	Parking Tax

Hi,

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It is unfortunate to see the proposed tax being levied on residents that live in permit parking areas. Permit areas already pay higher taxes due to their property values and therefore shouldn't be taxed harder. This policy is encouraging urbans sprawl and isn't fair to inner communities as user-pay levies such as tolls aren't being proposed for further away communities.

thanks,

Bik



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Phone

\* Subject New fees (taxes) for residential parking permits

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Attached.

## **NEW FEES (ALSO KNOWN AS TAXES) FOR RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS**

**From:** Peter Bulkowski [mailto:peterbulkowski@shaw.ca]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2020 9:04 AM

**To:** 'Office of the Mayor' <TheMayor@calgary.ca>; 'Ward' <Ward.Sutherland@calgary.ca>; 'Joe' <Joe.Magliocca@calgary.ca>; 'Jyoti' <Jyoti.Gondek@calgary.ca>; 'Sean' <Sean.Chu@calgary.ca>; 'George' <george.chahal@calgary.ca>; 'Jeffrey R.' <Jeff.Davison@calgary.ca>; Druh Farrell <Druh.Farrell@calgary.ca>; Gian-Carlo Carra <Gian-Carlo.Carra@calgary.ca>; Ray Jones <Ray.Jones@calgary.ca>; 'Farkas, Jeromy A.' <Jeromy.Farkas@calgary.ca>; Shane Keating <Shane.Keating@calgary.ca>; Diane Colley-Urquhart <dcolley@calgary.ca>; Peter Demong <Peter.Demong@calgary.ca>; 'rbell@postmedia.com' <rbell@postmedia.com>; 'Save Calgary' <info@savecalgary.com>; 'Evan V.' <Evan.Woolley@calgary.ca>

**Subject:** New fees (also known as taxes) for residential parking permits

Mr. Mayor Nenshi and Councillors:

It was very nice that Ms. Yvonne Borges, Citizen Liaison, provided a response. Unfortunately, there was no response to the central issue, that the City (helped by some other government institutions) creates the problem, makes residents lives more difficult, and now proposes to punish the victims of City policies by taxing them to maintain a second rate mitigation of the City-created problem.

“Residential parking restrictions exist in all quadrants of the city, typically in inner-city communities and near major parking generators such as, LRT stations, post-secondary institutions, hospitals, etc.” This is a clear admission that the parking problems are created by the City and other government institutions, not by the local residents.

“Residential parking programs are desirable for promoting safe and viable communities where growth and change affect parking pressure in neighbourhoods.” There is a clear statement that the densification, rezoning, waiving of parking space requirements on redevelopments, and TOD create the problems, that reduce the quality of life for community residents, and to partially but poorly mitigate that loss of quality of life, parking permits are instituted.

“... residential permit parking is a service that a majority of Calgarians do not have, and its policies and fees should reflect the increased level of service and enforcement.” The reason that a majority of Calgarians do not yet have this service, is that you, the Dystopians of City Council, have not yet completely screwed up all of the communities in Calgary. But you are working on it. Oh, for the record, there are no parking permits on my street, Chatham Drive, at least not yet.

The cost statement is as clear as mud. “The residential permitting program currently operates with a deficit. Nearly all permits are offered at no cost and only four per cent of permit holders pay a fee. Approximately \$100,000 is collected annually, recovering only seven per cent of the program’s \$1.4 million cost.” Is the \$100,000 for the four per cent of permit holders? Does it include fines from those streets & adjacent streets? Does not simple justice require that the City, the party creating the damage, should pay to correct or at least mitigate the damage?

For the creator of the problem, look in the mirror; hopefully you can see a reflection there. And then act ethically.



Have a good day. Peter Bulkowski 19 Chatham Dr. N.W., Calgary 403-284-2539

**From:** Office of the Mayor [<mailto:TheMayor@calgary.ca>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 26, 2020 11:19 AM  
**Subject:** Residential Parking Program Review

Hello,

Thank you for contacting Mayor Nenshi's office. I have been asked to respond on the Mayor's behalf.

We appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts on this important topic and are keeping track of all messages that our office receives.

If you have not already done so, we invite you visit this link which sets out where this review is currently, including many links for various reports, etc.:

- [Residential Parking Program Review-About the Project/Links to Reports](#)
- [Residential Parking Program Review-Recording of SPC on Transportation and Transit October 21, 2020](#) Scroll down to and click on Item 7.3 to advance to the Report presented.

At this time, the formal public engagement is no longer active; however, again if you have not already done so, we encourage you to share your thoughts through this email address, which then ensures your response is a part of public record to be heard at Council on November 2<sup>nd</sup>: [Public Submissions](#)

Have a great day and be safe.

Kind regards,

Yvonne Borges  
*Citizen Liaison*  
On behalf of His Worship, Mayor Naheed K. Nenshi  
The Office of the Mayor: [themayor@calgary.ca](mailto:themayor@calgary.ca)

**\*\*We invite you to follow the Mayor on Social Media: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#)**

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**Subject:** New fees for residential parking permits

Mayor Nenshi and Councillors:

The majority on the committee is absolutely correct: new fees should be imposed on those freeloaders who are using residential parking permits. There is no need for anyone in Calgary to have a parking space because there clearly is no need for a car in Calgary. On a delightful fall day like today, with white manna descending from the heavens and the temperature now at a balmy -12 °C, it is wonderfully perfect for a healthy hike to the grocery store to haul home twenty kilograms of groceries, after a refreshing commute up the hill from work downtown on an inexpensive \$ 7,000 carbon fibre bicycle. And in this booming economy, all those who are so rich that they are able to take a year or more off work, well there is no shortage of cash to top up the City's coffins.

Okay, now back to reality, though admittedly, that is a place rarely visited by Calgary City Council. The City has created the need for these permits:

- by allowing and in fact encouraging commercial developments beside residential communities without requiring adequate parking for staff & customers;
- by allowing and encouraging and favouring and rezoning for high rise development beside residential communities without adequate parking for residents & staff & customers;
- by changing the bylaws to allow basement suites and other housing styles for densification in residential communities without adequate parking for the additional households;
- by very high fees at City parking lots & on-street meters driving workers & customers to parking on adjacent residential streets;
- by inadequate or non-existent parking at LRT stations driving commuters to parking on adjacent residential streets.

Assisting City Council are the post-secondary institutions and some other government facilities, that by providing inadequate parking and high parking fees, drive students & staff & visitors to parking on adjacent residential streets.

This is a very profitable business model: create a problem, impose it on communities, offer a poor mitigation to the problem, and then impose a fee for the mitigation. Definitely a demonstration of power, and definitely unethical.

Cheers. Peter Bulkowski 19 Chatham Dr. N.W. Calgary 403-284-2539



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\* Subject Residential Street Parking Permits

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I have a residential street parking permit and feel strongly that I should not be charged extra for it while the majority of homeowners have the convenience of parking close to their homes for no extra charge. The City Council Transportation and Transit Committee feels that the current system of residential street parking permits amounts to the entire city subsidizing a service for only a few. Their thinking is entirely incorrect and backwards. Most homeowners enjoy the service of parking close to their homes, along with visiting family and friends. A few homeowners, through no fault of their own, are not permitted this otherwise common service because of the larger public infringing upon them (for example if a LRT station or high school is in close vicinity). Residential parking permits allow those thus infringed upon to enjoy the same level of service as the majority, bringing them up to the same standard for which they were paying but not able to receive until the permits were put into place. We few are not being subsidized, we're being recompensed for receiving a lesser level of service.



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\* Last name: Janssen  
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\* Subject: Permit Parking Changes

\* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)

I do not support making the permit system a paid program. My property taxes reflect the needs of my neighbourhood and we already live with other inconveniences and expenses of being next to the hospital (replacing broken windows because they rattle every time STARS flies over) and I don't send the City the bills. Would you be ok with paying for your family or friends to have the privelege of visitng you and parking on the street? If you are going to consider making it a paid program I would like the option of eliminating permit only parking and having 2 hour parking in Parkdale to discourage workers from long term parking while they work.