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We strenuously object to the proposed residential parking permit fee increases. The proposed fees are only fair if applied city wide. By targeting neighbourhoods currently using residential permits you are essentially adding another tax on our already heavily taxed properties. Why is it considered fair to penalize us for parking in front or near our homes? The idea that we pay for the privilege of parking in front of our homes is ridiculous since a parking permit does not ensure you can park in front of your home. 2 hour free parking is still in effect on our street so parking in front of our home is not guaranteed. If you want to increase revenue, charge for the 2 hour parking. The City claims to be trying to provide more affordable housing in the inner city, yet this proposal makes inner city living even more expensive. By charging such high fees, even for visitor passes, you will decrease on street parking, but what are the benefits? Street parking reduces speeds on our residential streets by reducing travel lane widths. As long as the permit system is still in effect, this does not provide additional parking for non residents. It is simply a money grab by the city. Expenses for parking signage and setting up the online system have already been paid. How expensive could it be to manage the online system and conduct enforcement - which is spotty at best? Paid 2 hour parking should be able to offset these expenses. If the ultimate purpose is to remove residential parking permits, we will be faced with the same challenges we had prior to permitted parking, which is commuters parking on our streets for free. They come from outside communities where they do not have to pay for the privilege of parking near their homes.

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We are astounded that there is a possibility of the residents who have been forced to have permit parking on our street to pay fees for same. We get the fact that we do not "own" the street in front of our residences. We also need you to understand the reasoning for the permit parking in our area. The staff at the Peter Lougheed hospital don't want to pay for parking where they work. So they park on our street free and walk over to their place of employment. And you want us to pay for the "luxury" to park on our street (not even in front of our house) ???

If you need additional income to offset this it is an easy solution. Increase the fines for illegal parking in these permit zones. Or if working non residents want to park on the street where there is permit parking, have them pay \$500 annually to offset the user fees you are proposing.

We are seniors and only feel it is fair to be able to park in reasonable proximity to our house. We are on fixed incomes and as we age our mobility will decline.



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* Subject Residential Parking Permits

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I live in an area that will be required to purchase a residential parking permit.

It is a very central area and as a result, our house prices are high. This means that we already pay a disproportionate amount of property tax for the services that we receive. We do not receive snow removal on our streets; I do not use the c-train; we have no need for the ring road, new subdivisions, or the green line -- all of which will cost us a ton of money.

The notion that other cities in Canada pay for residents parking is also not a great comparison. How are property taxes calculated in these other cities? Is this like for like? Toronto's average property tax as a percentage of property market value is 0.41% which is significantly lower than Calgary's.

Okay, so we're going to be taxed an extra ~\$200 for our status quo. (ouch in these times, especially for the services we get - see earlier paragraph). My bigger issue with paid parking is how to handle visitors. And in particular, when we have more than two visitors over for a book club, family dinner or volunteer board meeting, will our visitors now have to pay for parking?? That is horrible!

You know, it's very disappointing to hear that council is debating city speed limits and nickel and diming residents for "existing services" when surely there are opportunities to implement a hiring freeze, reduce wages across the board and reduce bureaucracy

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* Subject Fee Proposal for Residential Parking Permits

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I am a great fan of the city balancing it's books but think this initiative is wrongheaded.

Do parking permits really cost the city money or do tickets for violations more than cover the costs? I see online that parking tickets bring in almost \$20 million a year. If we had fewer parking zones it would result in less revenue, not more. I know my street is a money maker based on the number of daily passes made by the Park Plus vehicles.

On my street this is not a scheme for elites.

We did not need resident parking until City Administration, together with Council, (and highly supported by Mr Pincott who got the max donation from Opus that year) allowed the Opus Building to be built on it with significant parking relaxations. Realizing this would be a problem we fought all the way to the Appeal Board. We were told at the time that if or when parking got bad we could just apply for permits.

The effects were immediate and resulted in resident driveways being blocked, no access of city trucks to our garbage bins, noise at 2 am as the bar closed, trash, etc.

If the city is headed down a path of full cost recovery user pay for every service provided there are probably bigger revenue projects to start with first. Maybe start with the



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new arena...

Palaschuk, Jordan

From: Dong, May C. on behalf of City Clerk
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2020 3:38 PM
To: Public Submissions; Council Clerk
Subject: FW: Calgary Parking Bylaw Proposed Amendments

From: Sandy White [mailto:sandy-white2@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, October 25, 2020 12:46 PM
To: City Clerk ; CAWard12 - Evan Spencer ; a. Karah
Subject: [EXT] Calgary Parking Bylaw Proposed Amendments

Dear Clerk,

Will you kindly share this email with the city council before council votes on the proposed changes to be phased in during 2022 following an amendment to the Calgary Parking Bylaw.

I do appreciate that staff are looking for operational efficiencies; however, in areas like Auburn Bay there are aspects of the current by-law that are not entirely effective. The residents from 124 to 179 Auburn Bay Blvd. S.E. successfully petitioned for restricted parking close to South Health Campus.

However, the AUB designation is open to anyone in the same area, which, appears to defeat the purpose of restricted parking. The residents can have difficulty finding parking close to their home, and visitors are at risk of getting a ticket when they are unable to park within 150 metres of the address to which they are registered.

Residents have mentioned that they would prefer to park close to home when they are working midnight shifts, particularly, for safety reasons.

I am asking city council to take these issues into considered when addressing the proposed parking bylaw changes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

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

Many of the residential parking permit zones were put into place as a result of excessive vehicle / parking traffic in a neighborhood resulting from some high traffic facility close by. In our case SAIT, in other cases U of C, MRU, even proximity to downtown or a city park. It is the people who do not live in the neighborhood who are causing the parking problem, not the area residents, yet it is the residents who have been inconvenienced and now are being asked to pay for a problem they did not create. This is a problem that the city cannot seem to manage effectively and is now considering downloading responsibility for to the affected community residents. The Transportation committee doesn't seem to recognize this it seems that neither do a number of counsellors. User pay is fine as a concept for the use of many facilities, I do not believe this falls into the category of user pay being reasonable. The Transportation committee and a number of councillors suggest that all city taxpayers are footing the bill for residential parking maintenance and enforcement, it is all city residents / taxpayers who have created the problem in the first place. it is reasonable for them to pay for the solution. If area non-residents were not creating the problem, residential parking permits would not be required at all.

As an inner city neighborhood, we pay a significantly higher, disproportionate share of city property tax, I understand and accept this as part of the convenience of living in the inner city. However, my services are no greater or different than those given to more remote suburban communities who pay less than 30% of the tax we pay. These suburban communities benefit disproportionately from this yet the City is suggesting it is unfair for them to assist with a solution to a problem they created in inner city neigh-



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borhoods. Charging area residents a user fee for a problem they did not create but are greatly inconvenienced by is wholly unacceptable.



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* Subject	Residential Parking Fee Opposition

* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	We are opposed to the proposed Residential Parking Fee Permits. Please see our attached document.
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Residential Parking Permit Fee Opposition

We currently reside on 11 St. N.W. in the Kensington area and would like to voice our opposition to the City of Calgary's plan to begin charging residents for their Residential Street Parking Permits.

Our on street parking availability would not be possible without the existing Residential Parking Permit and monitoring service system. Without such monitoring our streets would be full with cars from commuters who would want to take the LRT or walk to the downtown core. Also there are many individuals who work and use the amenities in Kensington would park on our street as well.

Due to our inner city location our properties are more highly valued than those further away from the city core and as such translate into the very high property taxes we are paying.

New homes have recently been constructed and as such the city tax base has increased significantly over the years putting more money in the city coffers from our area.

We submit that we have a right to enjoy the same free street parking the majority of Calgarians have in our city without any additional costs to us.

The current property taxes and parking ticket incomes generated in our area should suffice to cover our parking permits without "nickle and diming" us in these hard economic times.

Also since there is still free public parking available on our streets at certain times and because we are not sole parking users is another reason we should not have to pay any additional fees for our parking.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Albert Frydman

Joyce Gauthier



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* Subject	residential parking permit
* Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	I chose to live outside of the city core due to parking costs. I find it challenging that I may be penalized due to the city not proactively planning parking around it's ctrain stations and thereby forcing me to pay for parking at my own home.



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* Subject Proposed parking fees

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With Calgary having the highest taxes in Canada this motion should be tossed asap. City council needs to focus and trimming their budget starting with city all departments including the mayor and council. This proposed motion is just another tax grab and will make people to start moving out of the city. If the downtown core was not an eye opener to you showing it is not a city to have a business in. Now you dont want to have people living in this city as well. Shame on you all.



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As a resident of the Parkdale community this is a horrible idea and I would encourage you all to vote against this. We have enough going against us in this city with layoffs that started well before Covid. I was in Oil and Gas and am struggling to pay my mortgage and this would just be more weight on my shoulders.