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Planning and Housing Committee of City Council City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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PH31.6 - Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 27 (Council Procedures) and Municipal Code Chapter 925 (Permit Parking): Streamlining Permit Parking Exclusions for New Developments

To Members of the Planning and Housing Committee,

The Cliffcrest Scarborough Village SW Residents Association (CSVSWRA) is an incorporated not-for-profit organization that works to preserve the character, safety, and livability of our neighbourhoods.

As the Toronto Department of Planning rushes to complete procedural changes of zoning regulations, we are writing to ask Planning and Housing Committee (PHC) to acknowledge the latest motion from Scarborough, which has been adopted by Toronto City Council. That motion is driven by an opposite view which is that one size does NOT fit all.

Scarborough is different from other parts of Toronto. Our land area is one-third of the City of Toronto and bigger and much more commercialized than Whitby. Almost a quarter of Toronto's population lives in Scarborough, which is home to a diversity of cultures and economic classes, and we are proud of our commercial enterprises. But Scarborough does not have higher order transit and recently lost the Scarborough RT.

And while City Planning paints us with the same brush as the rest of Toronto which is connected to a subway network, and while densification runs wild, Scarborough still has no development and transit plan.

Having said that, other parts of the city are also raising Parking issues and **they have transit** (see story: [Proposal for 11-storey building on Main Street approved by Toronto and East York Community Council – Beach Metro Community News](#)). What will happen in Scarborough if you continue to allow development without parking minimums? **Now is the time to make the right changes before the parking crises get worse.**

At the May 20 and 21 2026 meeting of City Council, Deputy Mayor Ainslie put forward a motion SC31.19 - Review of Parking and Transit Related Requests for Scarborough. City Council adopted the motion, including the following:

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1. **City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to review the removal of minimum parking requirements as it applies to Scarborough and to report back on the feasibility of pausing the elimination of minimum parking requirements for new developments in Scarborough until enhanced and reliable transit infrastructure is in place.**
2. **City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with City Planning, to review and report back on the opportunity to create a by-law or policy framework which would prohibit new condominium, townhome, and multiplex developments from petitioning for on street residential parking permits, in Scarborough, in order to protect existing neighbourhood parking capacity, such review to exclude Ward 23 from the consideration of prohibitions for multiplex developments.**
3. **City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission to review options to restore and expand access to public parking at Scarborough Toronto Transit Commission Stations, and to report back on how improved transit parking can reduce local road congestion and increase transit ridership in Scarborough.**

Going forward, Scarborough residents expect greater attention from PHC and City Council to protect our neighbourhoods and address our local and regional needs. This means removing the “no minimum parking” rule in Scarborough, prohibiting new developments from petitioning for on-street parking permits, and expanding parking at Scarborough transit stations. The data will show this is the right path forward.

Motion PH31.3 as well as PH31.6 are directly opposite to Scarborough Councillors motion 2026.SC31.19.

Please let us know how this will be considered, and will Scarborough Wards be excluded until the local motion is responded to?

PH31.3 and 31.6 highlight that the decisions made then and being made today claim to be correcting “outdated” Scarborough rules, while perhaps ignoring what Scarborough needs, one size does not fit all, and the impacts are starting to amass.

Best regards,



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cc: Councillor Paul Ainslie
cc: Councillor Parthi Kandavel
cc. Mayor Olivia Chow