

RE EXTERNAL Parking Requirement Reduction - City of Brampton

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 Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Parking Requirement Reduction - City of Brampton

Good morning Michelle and Happy New Year!

I understand there is a public meeting this evening regarding the City Initiated Zoning By-Law to remove the minimum parking requirement, I am writing today to show my full support. I believe you know about our development at 31-33 George St. N and 28 Elizabeth St. N in downtown Brampton and how our plan is to realize the vision that the multiple branches within the municipal government have for downtown Brampton. At this stage, our project will have a parking ratio of 0.75 stalls per unit as we feel the market requires this in downtown Brampton, however, we are designing it in a way that the above ground parking area can be converted to other future uses such as commercial or institutional once Brampton University is finalized.

Parking is now the largest cost associated with development. So even though the market demands parking in downtown Brampton, pushing through initiatives such as yours show the development community that Brampton is up to date and understands that the future will require less and less parking. Two way GO with increased service, phase 2 of the Hurontario LRT, technology such as autonomous vehicles, car share programs, as well as many other contributing factors provide both workers and residents in downtown Brampton with multiple other options and therefore my prediction is much of the existing parking in downtown Brampton will become obsolete, why build more?

Finally, there are numerous studies being released showing how a reduction in parking is extremely healthy for the wellbeing of people working and living in any city. Walkability is extremely important for health reasons and also is one of the largest contributors to economic development especially for small businesses within any downtown core. Brampton is wise to remain at the forefront with simple innovative solutions such as this and I congratulate you for championing this

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cause. I read the following
article just this morning, this most certainly is the future of cities:
https://www.sightline.org/2021/01/05/the-hidden-costs-of-over-parking-our-cities/?mc_cid=da4c92e2d1&mc_eid=f8906ea7cf

Please let me know how else I can show support, and please use this email to help
your cause if you see
fit.

Thank you.