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Date: Friday, December 15, 2023

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: City Council regular meeting December 20, 2023

What agenda item do you wish to comment on ?: Item 7.1.1 Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations

Comments:

My comments are attached in the word document rather than a pdf file for accessibility for those who may use screen readers.

Attachments:

- [Minimum Parking Regulations.doc](#)18 KB

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No

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December 15, 2023

His Worship Mayor Clark, and members of City Council
City of Saskatoon
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Dear Mr. Clark Mayor

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MAKES RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR THEIR DECEMBER 20th REGULAR MEETING.

Agenda Item 7.1.1 Options for the Review of Minimum Parking Regulations

Guidance to the numbers of accessible stalls is now a ratio determined by the numbers of conventional parking stalls provided.

For an inclusive community, accessibility and accessible parking stalls should be determined by size of building, facility or development, and therefore, the expected tenants, or business customers rather than as a ratio of parking stalls available in light of this potential review of minimum parking regulations.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that there are instances when individuals with varying levels of ability may be dependent on personal vehicles, especially given the challenges posed by our local weather conditions.

While promoting an active lifestyle and alternative modes of transportation is crucial, it's essential to recognize that individuals with varying abilities often derive an immense sense of independence from vehicle transportation. Their circumstances may not always allow for an active lifestyle, and in such cases, accessible parking stalls play a vital role in facilitating their independence.

I acknowledge and applaud the efforts of Access Transit and accessible conventional transit in accommodating individuals with varying levels of ability. However, there exists a transitional stage in the lives of some community members who are making adjustments to accommodate changes in their abilities. These individuals may rely on personal vehicle transportation and may not have adopted Access Transit or the new accessible conventional transit.

Moreover, the principle of inclusivity and human rights should guide our policies. People with varying abilities deserve the same choices in lifestyle as all members of the community, whether it be adopting an active routine, utilizing transit options, or retaining a personal vehicle for their independence. In consideration of building, facility, or development size, the determination of accessible parking stalls should prioritize the needs of expected tenants or business customers rather than adhering strictly to a ratio for the numbers of accessible parking stalls based on the number of parking stalls provided.

The [CBC](#) reported that “people with disabilities are more likely to live in rented and subsidized homes than the population as a whole. And of those with physical disabilities, almost 45 per cent require at

least one type of aid, assistive device or accessibility feature within their home.”

While the reduction of unnecessary parking spaces may be cost-effective for builders and developers, it's crucial to strike a balance that ensures accessibility for all community members. I kindly urge the City Council to review the current minimum parking regulations based on building size, with a focus on inclusivity and the diverse needs of our community.

With the new proposals to consider minimum parking regulations a new wording is required based on building, facility or development, size rather than the number of parking stalls provided by the developer in order to continue to uphold the current requirements extant now for the numbers of accessible parking stalls available in our zoning bylaws for accessible parking

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to a community that values accessibility and embraces the diverse needs of its residents.

Kind Regards

Julia Adamson