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To the Chair and Members of the Works Committee of
Toronto City Council

Re: Report Request regarding Front Yard Parking Permit Process

It has come to our attention that many applicants in my ward applying for front yard parking pad permits, who otherwise meet the criteria for a pad, are failing to pass the required poll. This is occurring because the new requirement for a return rate of at least 50 percent of marked ballots is not being achieved; even if the majority ballots returned are in favor of the applicant.

There are number of reasons for this including, inaccurate and out-of-date polling data in the Clerk's Office, absentee landlord/owners of rental properties who fail to respond to the poll (especially in heavily tenanted neighbourhoods) and the ever increasing turnover of housing in our City.

As the result of this, applicants are forced to appeal the rejection to Community Council and incur the \$658.02 appeal fee on top of the original non-refundable application fee of \$289.99.

This is an unfair and an almost inevitable situation, considering the inadequacy of polling system. Therefore, I am requesting that the Works Department, Transportation Services review this policy and report back to committee at the earliest possible time with recommendations to repair this unfairness.

Sincerely yours,

Sandra Bussin
Council Speaker
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