

NOTICE OF MOTION**Re :** Illegal Front Yard Parking Pads**Moved by:** **Councillor Moscoe****Seconded by:** **Councillor Stintz**
_____**SUMMARY:**

There are hundreds of illegal front yard parking pads in the old City of York portion of my ward. Residents in this area pay an annual permit fee for the privilege of parking on the legal parking pads that occupy their front yard. They bitterly resent the fact that their neighbours who have illegal pads escape this annual fee.

The fine for being caught with an illegal pad exceeds \$300. The offender then has to seek a variance to permit the pad to remain. Apart from the high cost of a variance application the likelihood of having one approved is marginal. Most home owners with illegal pads will tell you that they had nothing to do with illegally paving their front yards; when they bought the house the pad was there. In fact some of them bought the house because it had front yard parking.

Whenever a street is paved or re-constructed the illegal pads are discovered. That's when the asphalt hits the fan. The entire system promotes a complete disrespect for our bylaws.

I have asked MLS to consider a licensing system that puts the onus on the paving contractor. Staff has rejected that. I have been holding back enforcement but I can only do so for a limited time. I apologize to my colleagues on the North York Community Council. No sooner have you managed to squirm free of the sign variance syndrome than you will have to bear the agony of the front yard pad explosion.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. The City declare a one time amnesty on illegal parking pads in the area of the North District that was located within the boundaries of the former City of York.
2. Residents with illegal pads be provided with the opportunity to register their pads subject to them :
 - a) Ensuring that their pads conform to the city's minimum standard for front yard parking pads.
 - b) Paying the necessary annual permit fee required for a front yard parking pad.