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To: Councillor Peter Milczyn, Chair, Planning & Growth Management Committee  
Members, Planning & Growth Management Committee

Re: PG18.7 Recommended Changes to the Draft City-Wide Zoning By-law

As noted in the staff report (PG16.1 – June 2012), the practice of visitor pay parking is used to control improper use of visitor parking spaces. The prohibition is currently found only in North York.

Highlights:

- This is NOT a revenue generator for apartment owners;
- Parking control is needed at selected locations such as near transit nodes and hospitals;
- Visitor parking violators are avoiding expense “revenue generating” parking in private and municipal parking lots and on City streets;
- The practice is not widespread;
- Toronto Community Housing is the largest user of this practice;
- The City receives in excess of \$1 million per year from parking tickets issued at apartment buildings;

The Greater Toronto Apartment Association requests the deletion of the prohibition of visitor pay parking. In the “harmonization” process, the default should be to the standard set by five of the six former municipalities. East York, Etobicoke, Scarborough, Toronto, and York did not impose such a restriction. Apartment owners require the ability to control improper use of visitor parking, and this method has worked effectively for many years. We wish to continue this.

Sincerely,

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