

**Marilyn Toft - My comments for 2013.PW25.11 on October 8, 2013 City Council**

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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the October 8, 2013 City Council meeting on item 2013.PW25.11, Motorcycle Parking - Short-Term On-Street Parking and Overnight On-Street Permit Parking

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments:

The Canadian Motorcycle Association is a federally incorporated not for profit member association founded in 1946.

I am responding on behalf of motorcyclists who reside in the City of Toronto, those who commute to the city to work and others who visit as tourists.

We have appreciated the parking fee exemption which was implemented in 2005 and would like to see it continue. We congratulate the Council of the day for their forward thinking. However we do understand the concerns about parking in illegal locations and the necessity to address it.

Comments specific to the recommendations –

We support the development of an on-street motorcycle parking pilot to provide safe, convenient parking in designated motorcycle parking spaces and its pairing with education and enforcement to limit illegal motorcycle parking. The motorcycling community should be invited to have input with respect to the appropriate number and location of the parking spaces.

An expert panel of motorcyclists should be involved in the development of technology to address concerns about securing receipts to motorcycles.

Any future consideration of charging motorcycles hourly rates must include a rate scale that is proportional to the space they occupy.

Permit parking – as explained in the report, removing the exemption would provide very minimal revenue and send a message that the City of Toronto is no longer interested in supporting ways to minimize congestion.

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward our views.

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