

## City Council

### Notice of Motion

MM37.11	ACTION			Ward:All
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### **Bringing Common Sense to Parking Enforcement - by Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

### **Recommendations**

Councillor Josh Matlow, seconded by Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board to report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on:
  - a. existing policies in place to prioritize City of Toronto resources with respect to the activities of Parking Enforcement staff; and
  - b. developing a policy to prioritize the use of Parking Enforcement to emphasize the important City goals including keeping traffic moving, encouraging paid-parking turnover in high-demand areas, and responding to complaints while reallocating resources from low-demand priorities such as residential streets with abundant unoccupied parking spaces at midday.

### **Summary**

Illegal parking is a serious problem in Toronto. Some infractions, however, do not warrant the same level of police enforcement as others. For instance, a car parked too long on some residential streets can impose problems for residents and merits strict enforcement. However, on other quiet streets where there are several surplus spots, this is less of a problem than an illegally parked car or stopped delivery vehicle on an arterial road. Vehicles illegally parked or stopped on arterial curb lanes can delay thousands of drivers and transit riders. There needs to be more common sense applied to parking enforcement in the City of Toronto.

There is a clear public interest in keeping traffic moving. Parking Enforcement should be supporting this and other priorities for the City of Toronto. To be sure that we are using City resources effectively, this Motion requests a formal policy to support important City priorities such as relieving traffic congestion through parking enforcement.

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## **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM37.11