



June 4, 2014

Re: Requesting a report on creating a pilot project investigating on-street parking for car share vehicles

Dear Chair and members of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee,

I am writing to request that the General Manager of Transportation Services report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the feasibility of creating a pilot project that tests allowing car share vehicles to park in certain residential on-street permit parking areas throughout the city.

Car sharing has become an increasingly popular transportation option for many Torontonians. Many car share users have chosen to give up ownership one or more of their own personal vehicles in favour of the convenience of occasional use car share vehicles. Accordingly each car share vehicle is estimated to take an average of 15 private vehicles off the road. This net reduction in vehicles can only help us in our collective efforts to address the traffic crunch our city faces on a daily basis.

Currently, car share vehicles park in designated private parking lots, in specific Green P parking lots, and in a limited number of designated and reserved on-street parking spots. Allowing car share vehicles to park in certain residential on-street permit parking areas would place the car share vehicles closer to their users and could increase the number of Torontonians who choose to give up their personal vehicle.

In some parts of our city on-street permit parking comes at a premium with subscription rates near 100% of available on-street parking spaces. Allowing car share parking in these on-street permit parking areas likely does not make sense. However, in areas where on-street permit parking is undersubscribed, allowing car share parking could net the city additional parking revenue, by utilizing available on-street parking, and avoid inconveniencing residents who have purchased on-street parking.

Recommendation:

1. That City Council direct the General Manager of Transportation Services report to the August 13, 2014 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the feasibility of creating a pilot project that tests allowing car share vehicles to park in on-street permit parking areas where on-street parking capacity exists.

Sincerely,

Mike Layton