

We, the undersigned urge Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to approve on-street residential parking for carshare vehicles.

It's an exciting time to live in Toronto, but there is a growing congestion problem undermining the quality of day-to-day life in our city. Toronto's streets are overloaded with traffic, and parking spaces are an increasingly rare – and expensive – commodity. While there's no single, easy fix to congestion, we do not have to accept a future of snarled traffic as inevitable. Instead, we can work together to find new ways of doing things.

To start, we need to take better advantage of the power of technology-based mobility solutions. Options like bikesharing, the TTC app, and lot-based carsharing are already steps in the right direction, but the city is ready for further innovation. Now is the time to fully embrace and implement solutions like one-way carsharing, which other major cities across North America are already doing (and doing well). Vancouver, for example, just became the world's leading city for carsharing, and Montreal and Calgary are also benefitting from fully implemented one-way carsharing.

Yet Toronto – home to more than 42,000 of car2go's members – is the *only* car2go market in North America where members are not able to end their trips on-street. That means Torontonians are missing out on the full potential of carsharing.

How can carsharing help address parking and congestion challenges? **In short, shared vehicles help make more efficient use of our roadways and parking spaces. They are generally smaller, are used by multiple people each day, and spend significantly less time occupying parking spaces – all of which helps reduce the overall strain on transit infrastructure.**

Last month, Mayor Tory called on city officials to find ways to support the sharing economy in Toronto. Allowing shared vehicles to park on-street in residential areas is one way the city can embrace the sharing economy while helping tackle Toronto's congestion challenges. It's time we take our cue from Mayor Tory and many others on Toronto City Council encouraging our city to embrace innovation whole-heartedly, and without further delay.

Let's work together to keep Toronto moving.