

Tuesday December 10th, 2019

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you about item TE11.35 on the agenda for the City Council meeting next Dec 17th & 18th.

This recommendation from Toronto East York Community Council, championed by Councillor Perks, would exempt Ward 4 from the requirement of 925-4B of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Permit Parking, which requires petition and polling of local residents in order to introduce on-street permit parking. In essence, it would force permit parking on a large number of streets, without any prior consultation with the local residents.; this is unfair and undemocratic. As residents of Ward 4, we have made numerous appeals to Councillor Perks on this issue, but he refuses to engage in any meaningful dialogue. Despite the fact that the people in our neighbourhood don't want or need permit parking, Councillor Perks insists on trying to push his "one size fits all" approach on our community, ignoring the established tradition of petition and polling in our city and the respect it pays to local concerns and interests.

We would also like to make sure that as a Toronto City Councillor you are aware that in advancing this motion, Councillor Perks contributing to a patchwork of permit parking policies across the City at a time when City staff is undertaking a wholesale review of permit parking. In their report, staff have advised that *"... future decisions regarding the implementation of on-street permit parking should be held in abeyance, unless considered urgent, until such a time as the city-wide parking strategy study is complete and a report is brought to City Council."* Rather than waiting for the staff review, Councillor Perks is introducing radical changes to the City's on-street parking bylaw; this makes no sense and wastes valuable City resources.

Furthermore, none of the reports attached to this motion include any costing implications for implementation. In our neighbourhood, where we don't want or need permit parking, why would the City spend staff time and resources doing transportation reviews, purchasing and installing signs, etc, with no gauge on what the demand (and therefore revenue potential) will be.

We are therefore appealing to all members of Council and asking them to vote NO to Councillor Perks' motion, thereby preserving the rights of residents to be petitioned and polled on permit parking on the streets where they live. By voting NO, Council would also allow City staff to complete their study and report back to City Council with their comprehensive recommendations on permit parking throughout the city.

Regards,

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