

**Swansea Area Ratepayers' Association**  
*Reflecting the interests of the Swansea Community*



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**Ref: TE11.35 City Council Consideration on January 29, 2019 regarding TEYCC Recommendations set out in TE11.35 Expansion of Residential On-Street Permit Parking, as they pertain to Ward 4**

**Bring Economic Cents and Common Sense to PP in Ward 4!**

Further to the two amendments to Schedule B of the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 925 Permit Parking and subsection 925-4B (Copied below) moved by Councillor Perks December 3, 2019 on behalf of his own PHP Ward 4, the Swansea Area Ratepayers Association (SARA) urgently request that the City Council vote to reject this motion and refer Ward 4 to be part of the city-wide review of permit parking in 2021. In this way, the community issues and overriding problems of traffic and logistics will go through the rigour of a more **authentic, economic, democratic review and consultation process by Transportation Services (TS)** especially in the Swansea Area.

The Swansea Area, as a former municipality onto itself, has a wide variety of zoning attributes and traffic/parking logistical complications which urgently require the attention of the 2021 TS and current Vision Zero reviews to bring economic and common sense to a more democratic process. Bringing Economic, Democratic and Common Sense is identified as follows:

- Most of the roadway on the 86 Affected Streets is too far away from existing PP demand and there is no demand on the Affected Streets. There'll be insufficient PP revenue to cover costs. It will be a money loser in Ward 4.  
**Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
- If you allow the polling democratic process in the current regulation to remain, the vast majority of the 86 streets has no reason to request a polling/petition for permit parking. The result is no cost for polling, signage or enforcement. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**

- Many streets and whole wards (12, 19, 10, 11 & 13) are now pulling back from imposing PP. So all those streets need to be removed from revenues. Staff need to address this in their city-wide study in 2021. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
- Under the existing PP By-law, there will be NO costs for polling since there will be no petitions to demand it from any of the 86 Affected Streets. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
- If, however Toronto City Council approves TE11.35 as is, area-based PP will be imposed through TEYCC resolutions on the 86 Affected Streets without further input from TCC. Then PP signage & enforcement costs get incurred without cost/revenue justification and against strong public opposition. If the Staff report in 2021, or TEYCC, or TCC, or a new Ward 4 Councillor decides to reverse that decision (as in Ward 19) that's when VERY HIGH polling, signage removal & enforcement termination costs apply. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
- **By moving away from Street based PP and imposing Ward-wide PP with these motions, we are:**
  1. Potentially compromising the work and funding of the TS PP review in 2021 and the current Vision Zero review's plans and recommendations. This could result in major cost to the City's budget in reversing the outcomes of these motions if approved. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
  2. Hindering, compromising the plans of the Traffic Engineers in dealing with the traffic and congestion nightmares at the Jane/South Kingsway and Windermere/Lakeshore intersections. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
  3. Sideline consultation with the TTC resulting in a potential reversal of the PP on the Swansea neighbourhood route because of safety or congestion issues. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
  4. Encouraging the use of second and third family cars in contravention of Toronto's affirmation of a Climate Emergency. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
  5. Subsidizing the Condo Developers' profits in allowing the condo owners the alternative of street permit parking rather than paying the \$45 000 - \$70 000 needed to buy a parking spot in their building. **Let's wait until the Review of 2021**
  6. Expropriating and privatizing the Public Domain by subsidizing the PP permissions of Condo owners and second/third car owners on streets other than those on which they live. In Ward 4 only you are also usurping the democratic rights of the owners on these 86 Streets by denying them the right to access the Polling/Petition processes and also prohibiting the use of the Public Domain in front of their homes for their overnight visitors. Why should we be denied our rights as enjoyed by the rest of the City and still have to accept the responsibility and liability of shoveling the snow from the Public Domain in front of our houses! **Let's wait until the Review of 2021.**

We urge both the Mayor and City Council to seriously consider our request to defer all action on this Permit Parkin initiative and its actions to the 2021 TS city-wide review of Street Permit Parking and the current Vision Zero Review and respect the needs, safety and democratic rights of our neighbours and communities in Ward 4.

Yours truly,



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## Traffic Nightmare at Windermere & Windermere Place





