

**From:** [Davenport Triangle Residents Association](#)  
**To:** [Planning and Housing](#); [Mayor Tory](#); [Councillor Layton](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Amendments to Bylaw 569-2013 re Automobile and Bicycle Parking  
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Having given more thought to the proposed reduced or eliminated parking minimums we would like to withdraw our objection.

We still believe there are other new initiatives that interfere with the viability of the City's circulation continuing to function but reducing parking minimums is not one of them.

Developers know the market for the number of profitable parking spots that they can sell as extras to condo buyers. Those without a car do not buy them. Perhaps developers are currently forced to build more than the market can absorb.

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On Sat, Nov 6, 2021 at 3:44 PM Davenport Triangle Residents Association

<[davenport.triangle@gmail.com](mailto:davenport.triangle@gmail.com)> wrote:

We strongly object to the City's agenda to further interfere with automobile viability in the city by reducing parking minimums of new and existing facilities.

The trendy city war on the automobile is complete liberal naivety. The city needs some viable traffic flow to exist and maintain its vitality. If you want to reduce the number of cars on the road, restrict the commuters who can take transit instead of commuting into the city daily with 1 person per car.

People who live downtown don't drive around the city for pleasure. It is for practical everyday needs like deliveries, sales calls, tradesmen, taking kids to school, picking up groceries etc. It is fine to use public transit (if it ever achieves the capacity needed for the crowds that do use it) to get to and from work, school, or an entertainment venue but try to pick up a case of beer on your bike in the winter. The City Council has been congesting traffic non-stop with roadside patios, even though they are 80% unused and make the city look like the 3rd world, and more bike lanes on every main thoroughfare where they would be safer on secondary streets not needing millions of barriers and traffic disrupting blockages. We also have unrepaired streets full of potholes throughout the city, left to discourage driving, resulting in only driving out of necessity. Now it will be a further challenge to find parking.

Circulation is the lifeblood of the city and it is naive to think cyclists and pedestrians will keep the city alive and viable. They can enjoy life in the residential areas but the main thoroughfares need to keep things moving.

There are no captains of industry, or tradesmen taking a bike to work or mothers cycling their kids to school. The Council and City Committees need to get in touch with the real world.

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