

From: [AVCA Toronto](#)
To: [Councillor Mantas](#)
Cc: [Scarborough Community Council](#); [Councillor Crawford](#); [Councillor Thompson](#); [Councillor Lai](#); [Councillor Ainslie](#); [Councillor McKelvie](#)
Subject: Your motion to rescind no overnight parking
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Councillor Mantas.

This letter expresses our deep concerns with your overnight parking decision. This goes against the wishes of your constituents. A minority should not dictate the action for the majority. We plan on fighting you on this.

We wish to remain civil and respectful with nothing personal to you in our actions. And respect must be a two-way street.

As follow on actions to this letter we are going to involve the media in both writing letters to the editors and making ourselves available for interviews with reporters. We will also involve other Councillors.

Our concerns are 4-fold.

1/ In a survey conducted by your predecessor, Jim Karygiannis, the majority of respondents supported a ban on overnight parking in our area: the Ward 22 area bounded by Victoria Park Avenue, Highway 401, Midland Avenue and Finch Avenue East. A motion was put to council and the bylaw prohibiting overnight parking was passed.

In spite of the expressed will of the people, you have put forth a motion to rescind this bylaw. We expect our Councillor to respect the will of the constituents and not just a special interest minority.

2/ You are putting this motion forward without informing your constituents. Why the secrecy? Yes motions are public knowledge, but you must be aware that the vast majority of your constituents are not even aware motions are publicly posted. We expect our Councillor to proactively engage the community when changes are to be made, especially when those changes knowingly go against what the majority of your constituents want.

3/ Agincourt Village Community Association has repeatedly asked you "When will the no overnight parking signs be installed?" and you have repeatedly said it is delayed because of Covid-19. Then we find out, not from you or your office, that you have submitted a motion to reverse the bylaw. We expect what our Councillor says to us and what they are doing to be the same.

4/ Other areas of Ward 22 have prohibited overnight parking; why is this area different? All areas of your ward should be subject to the same, consistent bylaws. The question must be asked "Why is this one area of your ward to be treated differently?" Are you planning to rescind the overnight parking bylaws in the other areas or do you see for some reason this particular area is of particular importance to be treated differently. We expect our Councillor to treat all areas of their ward the same.

We hope that you will reconsider your action and withdraw your motion.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Potter - President

Randy MacDougall - Vice President

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Agincourt Village Community Association