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To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Re: Enhanced Nighttime Security at Green P Parking Facilities

## Recommendation,

- 1. City Council request the Toronto Parking Authority Board of Directors to:
  - b. review and consider a universal security protocol for their garages and parking lots; and
  - c. Provide a list of the current security measures in place at each location.

## Background

As the City of Toronto's appointed "Nighttime Economy Champion" I am writing to express my concern regarding the current state of nighttime security at Green P parking facilities. As you may be aware, many businesses in Toronto rely on these facilities for their customers, and the safety of both vehicles and patrons is a critical concern.

I have had interactions with numerous businesses during the past year who have expressed their desire for increased security measures after 9:00PM. They have cited instances of safety concerns which have negatively impacted their business operations.

I believe implementing regular patrols of Green P parking facilities after 9:00PM would significantly enhance the safety and security of these locations. This would not only benefit businesses but also provide peace of mind for patrons who use these facilities.

I understand Green P operates a large network of over 300 parking facilities, each with its own unique security risks. However, I believe a standardized approach to nighttime security, would be beneficial. I recommend Toronto Parking Authority review universal security standards and guidelines to identify best practices which could be applied across its entire network.

I urge the Committee to consider this matter and take steps to enhance nighttime security at Green P parking facilities. This would be a valuable investment in the safety of our community and would help to support the continued success of local businesses.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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