



Motion to TEYCC

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Ward 11 - Parking Pad guidance for existing impermeable sites

Summary:

There is a moratorium on parking pads in Ward 11 because of their multiple adverse effects upon sidewalk safety, stormwater runoff, tree health, public parking supply, soft landscaping requirements etc. However, the Ward Councillor has received several requests for exceptions for special cases that are claimed not to worsen these problems, e.g. because the proposed pad has been used for vehicle parking continuously since before the moratorium was instituted, and/or because the affected area is already impermeable and groundwater infiltration is proposed to be increased through the use of permanently permeable pavement. It would be helpful to have clear principles to guide decisions on these special cases.

Recommendation:

1. Infrastructure and Environment Committee request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Water and the Executive Director, Environment, Climate and Forestry, to investigate and report on possible criteria for exemptions to the front yard parking prohibition in Ward 11, in cases where the affected area has been used for vehicle parking continuously since before the moratorium was instituted, and/or the proposed parking pad would reliably increase groundwater infiltration over its working life.

Councillor Dianne Saxe

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