

Hello, I hope that you are all doing well.

I would like to comment on the proposed no parking minimums which is a feature of the building that seems unusual in Guelph. Sure, some of the residents may park their cars at the market parade which I have never seen full. However, can you picture each of the several hundred residents driving their cars through the downtown core and the congestion that it would bring? With the high density of the building, this would bring a high density of traffic to Guelph.

This is a Catch-22: We want to fix the housing crisis, but we do not want to cause a car traffic crisis. The only solution to car traffic is viable alternatives to driving. This is where the no parking minimums which, understandably, may seem absurd at face value, is actually quite ingenious. Residents have the freedom to choose to commute to work by train, bus, bike, walking - you name it. It will offer all of the benefits of housing density which is the fastest way to address our housing crisis, with none of the downsides of traffic congestion. Plus, this will bring hundreds of customers to not only downtown Guelph with its many cherished small businesses, but the surrounding region. This has been done successfully in other cities to their great benefit and it can be done here in Guelph too which is why I fully support there being no parking minimums.

Sincerely,

Thomas