

Dear Mayor & Councillors:

I hereby kindly request speaking privileges at the meeting indicated in the title of this email.

The purpose of my remarks will be - at the risk of repeating myself - to again point out the unresolved issues with parking on Arthur Street North and Mitchell Street between Eramosa and Norwich:

- The developer has now proposed to add an additional 4 parking spaces with access from Mitchell street and while this is a very welcome concession, it will likely not be enough to resolve the issue.

- The proposed development will add 40+ bedrooms to the immediate area, which by any conservative estimation will add a substantially amount of cars to this part of the neighbourhood - possibly 20 or more. Where will they park ? Even if the residents of the new buildings would primarily be UofG or Conestoga College students (... to which BTW I have no objections at all), it can be expected that many, if not most of them will have vehicles (... a lot of the students I teach and know at UofG do !).

- What are the guarantees that the developer will not add further ADU's to the Mitchell street side or request further development of the site in the future leading to the loss of the additional parking spaces promised (... and of course the loss of the "through-lot" status of the site ...)?

- To again illustrate the issue, please see the attached photographs taken at the dates & times indicated by the filename, which show the typical situation now, i.e., EVEN BEFORE adding more dwellings with insufficient parking spaces. For a full record of the parking reality collected over the last few years, please see here:



- At present the parking regulations are:

- i) 2 hour parking from Monday-Friday between 0800-1700 h with no restrictions outside of this time window (notably weekends) from April to November. This is however very rarely enforced, i.e., people who do not live on the street or who actually do have driveways but park on the street for their convenience leave their vehicles there all day long with no consequences.
- ii) No overnight parking from 0200-0800 h during the Winter months

December-March.

iii) Residents who live in historic homes with no driveways such as ours at [REDACTED] Arthur Street North (4-5 houses Arthur Street North and Mitchell Street between Eramosa and Norwich) pay the city monthly and annual fees for an exemption that allows parking 24/7/365 (unless a snow emergency is declared, which is extremely rare).

- These regulations create big problems for us and our other neighbours without driveways, as right at the time when we come home from work (i.e., AFTER 1700 h) or also on weekend we often find that the street parking spaces are fully occupied AND WE HAVE NOWHERE TO GO, end up parking hundreds of meters away from our homes and having to carry groceries, etc. over that distance, just for someone else's convenience, who does not even live one the street !

- I am therefore gain I am asking the city to implement a few limited zones on the street in which only resident parking is allowed from 1700-0800 h on any given day, i.e., weekdays and weekends, year-round. Many other municipalities (Toronto, Edmonton, Frankfurt, Paris, etc., etc.) have done this and are doing this, so why not Guelph ??? ... being "brushed off" with the comment that the city is considering a city-wide study on this issue by 2027 does not help here. Given the already dicey situation, the impending development and densification and the closeness of Arthur Street North to downtown (which leads people to park there at will for free all day ...) we and our neighbours need this issue addressed and resolved BEFORE the new development is happening.

- The same issues are of course also true for our neighbours on Mitchell Street and should there be addressed in the same fashion.

Thank you for you kind consideration of our concerns.

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