

Correspondence – Revised Agenda - General

Notice of Motion regarding removing winter overnight parking restrictions

Hello Mark and Dominique,

I saw the article below on on-street parking and I would like to provide my thoughts as a constituent in ward 6.

https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/councillor-hoping-to-end-winter-overnight-street-parking-ban-2734145?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1D9BQ7d9Lixc0Qe3wLZxqFE0AL0ofOQ0sYrik3oVbqdCYVRftjn_4Frqk

My husband and I rent on Rickson. We currently have one vehicle, as we only have one spot in our driveway. We are planning to start growing our family soon, and due to that lifestyle change, we will likely both need a car. Because of the winter parking ban, we may have to move just to accommodate 2 vehicles. We love our home on Rickson and have no desire to move, and the parking ban is the only reason we may have to. We had great difficulty finding a place to rent that had space for 2 cars, and rentals with this amenity are few and far between in Guelph.

Permit parking in certain high volume areas (such as the far south section of Rickson, Reid ct. etc) may be a more logical solution to overcrowded areas. Or alternatively, allowing street parking on a single side of the street on a rotating day basis to allow for plowing.

Please consider supporting councillor Goller in this proposal, so families like ours are not forced out of Guelph due simply to a single bylaw.

Thanks,
Katie McLean

Councillors.

I hope that when the matter comes up for a vote you will keep the overnight winter parking ban and start it earlier in the season.

Roads become narrower in the winter since snow plows don't clear right up to curbs. On narrow streets, like the one I live on, they are difficult to get through when there are snow banks on both sides and cars parked on both sides. Darling Crescent is supposed to be a two-way road but, in the winter, it becomes a single lane, and one that emergency vehicles have to crawl through.

A number of residents on Darling Crescent park their vehicles in their garages and driveways but the road is often difficult to drive through, even in good weather. Where do our visitors park regardless of the season? On Darling Crescent. At least they try to. When they can't, they park on neighbouring streets. Where do the condo residents on Goodwin who don't have parking spots at their complex and can't find a spot on Goodwin park regardless of the season? On Darling Crescent when they can.

Eliminating the overnight parking ban is an ill-thought proposal that doesn't take into account the practicalities of homeowners, visitors and the snow plow drivers trying to do their jobs. It's an impractical and ludicrous suggestion to remove the ban.

Susin Micallef
