

Basically, I'm in agreement with the proposal to designate both sides of Trowbridge 'no parking', but have a couple of additional comments:

It's my opinion that much of this problem is a result of the fact that people visiting the medical centre are required TO PAY FOR PARKING, and when they turn into the centre are met with a gate - many choose to park across the street to avoid the cost.

Is this practice permitted under city bylaws? People don't have to pay when they park at shopping malls or strip malls - why should they have to pay at a medical centre? Many, if not most, customers are older people who are not there by choice, but by medical necessity, and having to pay for parking seems to me an unfair 'money-grab' in these tough economic times, for those least able to afford it. In addition I would think that the people with most need for medical services would tend to be more elderly and maybe with mobility issues.

Those who can't afford to, or won't, pay the fee, and choose to park on Trowbridge, have to walk further than they would otherwise, walking on a street that isn't wide to start with, and is made narrower by parked cars. There are no sidewalks so people have to walk on the street and often seem oblivious to traffic coming and going. These issues will only be made worse once the snow comes and the street is made even narrower by banks of snow left by the snow plows

With more cars and pedestrians around the intersection, people crossing at the crosswalk and many who cross on the other side, the risk of an accident is increased.

Most, if not all, of the above issues are a result of the parking fees at the medical centre.

Thanks,
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