

Trees in Parking Lots

History: London has a lot of parking lots! They are all quite large and the way that they are presently designed is only ensuring residents of London that cooling our urban landscapes is not on any agenda. This needs to change! In the spring of 2019, City Council declared a state of emergency in response to climate change. This declaration means that a new approach to how we all live our lives needs to be instigated immediately!

Case In Point: Below are two wonderful photos showing the parking lot that was recently built at the Bostwick YMCA/library/community centre! I love it!! The parking lot is easy to navigate and all of the trees and wild flowers that have been planted will ensure that our pollinators can thrive in an urban setting, all the while, keeping our land surfaces cooler than conventional parking lot designs!



Discussion: I would like members of TFAC to learn more about the parking lot design of the Bostwick Centre, in more detail. I would like members of TFAC to look into making recommendations to City Council and staff that all future parking lots follow similar planning. I would like members of TFAC to look into the possibility of making recommendations to City Council that would allow existing parking lot property owners/management teams to remodel their parking lots that would align with new building practices.

Thanks

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