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CANADA

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Chair and Members  
Civic Works Committee

**Re: Increased Time on Wellington Street Parking Meters – St. Joseph's Hospital**

While waiting in the emergency department at St. Joseph's hospital the other day, I noticed patients leaving and returning on an ongoing basis. I was informed by staff, that they were rushing out to feed their parking meters on Wellington Street, and that this happens on a regular basis.

While in the midst of being treated for a minor localized surgery procedure myself, I also had to leave the treatment room to feed my parking meter. Unfortunately I didn't make it, and received a parking ticket.

The row of parking meters on Wellington Street outside St. Joseph's hospital, are restricted to 2 hours. It is my understanding from what I witnessed, that a good portion of these meters seem to be used by emergency patients. It seems practical to increase the time on these meters, because patients are running out to feed them *after the 2 hour limit* anyway, and it would alleviate the stress of having to run back and forth.

Therefore, I respectfully request that staff consider increasing the time on the Wellington Street parking meters at St. Joseph's hospital, from 2 hours to 6 hours.

The City will not lose money and patients will have peace of mind, knowing they do not have to rush out to feed the meter, while being treated in the emergency department.

Sincerely,

Stephen Orser  
Councillor, Ward 4

Attch.