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To: PEC <pec@london.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Parking Standards Review

Please add this letter to the PEC agenda with my consent.

Parking Standards Review

Dear Members of the Planning and Environment Committee:

The Parking Standards Review mentions 'greenhouse gas' (GHG) emissions more than once in the report and also references the Climate Action Emergency Plan many times yet it concludes that only minimum parking requirements be removed in areas of the city that are zoned for transient nodes and routes and the downtown. It then makes recommendations to reduce parking spaces for multi-family residential - and that's it.

All this work for basically maintaining the status quo. The City of Toronto just recently removed minimum parking requirements for all new development and here we are limping along, referencing GHG and then basically doing nothing.

This report reflects the malaise on Council on the issue of Climate Change. Why don't you do something? If you are a climate change denier, or feel that no action can be taken until other countries such as China act first or just simply don't care about climate change, then please stay home and get out of the way.

At the public participation meeting on the Climate Change Action Plan, Councillor Shawn Lewis went so far as to lecture people on 'how we will be disappointed'. That speech was telling anyone listening that Councillor Lewis does not intend to act on the climate emergency. And since we have hard drawn conservative voting 'block' on Council, I assume he was speaking for the 'block'. And blocking is exactly what you do. Please, if you are an obstructionist or can't seem to do your own research or contribute positively on this issue then stay silent and stay home. There is no reason to be here.

Otherwise please direct staff to remove all parking minimums across the city and adopt the recommendations into policy. This action requires little effort on your part.

Sincerely,

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