From: Dana Carnegie

Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 6:43 PM

To: Council Agenda <councilagenda@london.ca> **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] The end of free 2 hour parking

Dear Counsel,

I have been a small business owner in OEV since January 2018. In that time I've had to contend with a number of issues including road/sewer construction, multiple closures over Covid and broken windows, all of which cause financial setbacks.

Midway through 2023 my original business partner had to make the difficult decision to leave OEV as these issues affected her hair clientele and in turn her business.

I opted to stay because I love this neighbourhood, love seeing how supportive the community is to one another. I brought on 2 more professionals to share the space and hopefully their businesses can thrive in OFV.

Removing the Free 2 Hour parking in municipal lots 1&2 (in addition to the hourly parking increase that recently happened) will add a barrier to customers looking to frequent OEV businesses.

Please reconsider, Dana Carnegie Owner ED Hair & Tattoo