

## Written Feedback from BIAs

### International Village:

Our board met this morning and we are not in support of an increase to parking rates Unless the parking app is unveiled at the same time. It's hard enough getting people down to our BIAs to shop when they have to pay for parking, especially when the convenience of paying for that parking is non-existent.

### Dundas Board of Management:

- We suggest peer municipalities in our area for comparison, other areas where our customers shop, within southern Ontario, remove out of province municipalities from the peer group comparison to give those reviewing a clearer overview;
- As small business owners we are in constant competition with big box and malls that have free parking;
- We request a preferred rate at BIA parking meters to encourage shoppers to stay longer in BIA areas;
- Removing cities from outside of Ontario lowers the parking average below \$1.50;
- A \$0.25 cent increase is higher than the rate of inflation over the past three years, may we have an explanation as to why the City wants to drive business out of the downtown cores into the suburbs;
- \$0.25 cents is approximately a 15% increase, \$0.50 cents is a 30% increase in parking, what is the justification in these increase amounts?;
- Neither increase is beneficial to us or to the people shopping in our communities;
- Keep the hours of enforcement in Dundas as they currently exist, Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. free parking on Saturday and Sunday; and,
- The Dundas BIA is not in favour of raising parking fines.

### Concession Street BIA:

- Parking rates were already adjusted on June 1, 2017 from \$1.00 to \$1.50/hour;
- As small business owners, we are in constant competition with big box, strip malls and large shopping centres that offer free parking;
- Neither the \$0.25 cent or \$0.50 cent increase is beneficial to the Concession BIA or to the people shopping in our area. To date, we have seen no changes or improvements with pay by app or pay by credit card implemented by the City in our BIA to justify this rate increase;
- We request a preferred rate for BIA parking meters so we can offer an advantage/perceived value to our shopping corridors. This will act not only to encourage shoppers to stay longer in BIA areas but will also attract potential new businesses to set up shop on our areas; and,
- The Concession BIA is not in favour of raising parking rates at this time without any changes to our current model or methods for customers to pay for meter parking.