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Subject: Parking and affordable housing

Clerk please add this to the upcoming council agenda regarding parking in Stoney Creek.

Hello, I hope this finds you all well. You have likely seen the three maps below by now. If there are in fact over 700 free spots to park in downtown Stoney Creek, then the loss of 57 is trivial. My comments below are about the potential conversion of City Owned, taxpayer funded, lots A and B to affordable housing. Please, support housing humans over the convenience of free (subsidized by taxpayers) parking spots. Or, allow a compliant homeless encampment on this parking lot, with wraparound supports including a safe injection site in the medical building.

Thank you, Elizabeth Knight Hamilton Mountain

Beliefs	Facts
I won't find a parking spot	I might not get a parking spot within a few steps of my destination
I can't park in the pink spots, they are private	Look at all the parking lots owned by businesses that can be utilized to support those businesses
There is no street parking	I am uncomfortable parallel parking in the many available free street spots
Seniors won't get to their medical appointments at the Life Labs building	Life Labs has around 60 spaces in its lot with an additional 15 or so on streets beside it
Disabled folks won't get to their medical appointments	There are 5 disabled spots in Life Labs' lot
There is not enough parking at the medical building.	The Chamber of Commerce has at least 15 parking spots on its lot. Maybe offer some of those to Life Lab employees to free up more space for disabled and elderly at life labs
The lots are always jam packed	The lots are full during festivals

There will be nowhere to park during festivals	Park and ride from Eastgate just up the street
It is disrespectful to Veterans to get rid of Veterans Way	Dedicate one of the buildings to Veterans housing. It is estimated that 4% of Canadian homeless are veterans. We have around 1600 homeless - 64 are potentially veterans.  We have 6000 on the access to housing waitlist - 240 are potentially veterans





