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Subject: Support for Proposed Parking Regulation Amendments - September 2nd Council Meeting

Hi Peter,

Just wanted to express our group's strong support for the proposed amendments to the City of Sault Ste. Marie's parking regulations.

The data shows there is already a significant surplus of parking downtown. Maintaining outdated requirements only adds unnecessary barriers to much-needed housing and economic development.

By reducing minimum parking requirements, especially in the downtown core, the city of Sault Ste. Marie will encourage more efficient use of land, support small-scale residential and commercial projects, and make better use of existing infrastructure.

These amendments take a balanced approach, still providing parking where it is needed but allowing more flexibility for developers and property owners.

Importantly, these changes would let developers decide how much parking is required for their projects, ensuring they can provision for it based on demand rather than rigid regulations.

This proposal is an important step toward creating a more livable and resilient Sault Ste. Marie. I encourage Council to adopt these amendments and help shape a downtown that prioritizes people, housing, and sustainable growth over excess parking.

Thank you for your consideration.

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