

Suzanne Jones

From: Mayor of Halton Hills
Sent: Friday, January 18, 2019 1:56 PM
To: Suzanne Jones; Brent Marshall; Councillors
Subject: Fwd: Boulevard Parking

I have [REDACTED] permission to forward her email.
Mayor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 18, 2019 at 9:18:53 AM EST
To: "Mayor@haltonhills.ca" <Mayor@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Boulevard Parking

Good Morning Mr. Mayor,

I write to you this morning as it relates to the issue of boulevard parking.

Our family moved to Georgetown 11 years ago and during that time we have witnessed tremendous growth in and around our community. With this, we have seen young school children turned university children and become working members of society, including our own. We have seen our parents downsizing and with a lack of affordable housing for seniors, many are sharing dwellings with their children and many of them also have vehicles. More homes have become multi-generational. More children are opting to stay at home longer as it is near impossible for them to buy a home at today's prices. In many cases, there are three generations of "adults" living under one roof, with the majority of them holding a driver's license.

Houses are getting bigger, however, driveways do not always support the size of the home. Four bedroom homes are built for families. Families have children. Children grow to be self-sufficient and that includes driving. With both parents working, it is sometimes difficult to juggle vehicles and therefore two cars become three, and so on. Add to that those who are now sharing their home with their elderly parents, or their grandchildren, and the issue continues. Lets face it, garages are not built for large vehicles and like most, ours has become the central storage hub for all things inside and out.

For those of us that share our side of the road with the sidewalk, we will always have a shortage of parking spaces. As I stand here today looking at my neighbours driveways and down our street, those across from us have four vehicles, recreational vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. because they can, because they have the extended driveway. They will never receive a \$30 fine, yet they continue to utilize the sidewalk across from them.

I know that I am not telling you anything you have not already heard so my point is that far more consideration needs to be given to this issue as it is not going to go away and I would argue become a larger more chronic issue. Perhaps a permit system is in order and more flexibility for overnight street parking (off of the main roads) during spring, summer and fall. Perhaps builders should consider

additional parking areas within the developments that they build or ensure four plus bedroom homes have adequate size garages and driveways to support the needs of the occupants today and in future.

Thanks for your time.


Georgetown South Resident

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Suzanne Jones

From: Moya Johnson
Sent: Thursday, January 24, 2019 9:50 PM
To: Suzanne Jones
Cc: Wendy Farrow-Reed
Subject: Fwd: Boulevard Parking By-Law

Hi Suzanne,

Please find some comments about boulevard parking in the email below. I thought they would be helpful as you investigate a solution.

Moya

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 24, 2019 at 8:07:15 PM EST
To: <wfarrowreed@haltonhills.ca>, <moyajohnson@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Boulevard Parking By-Law

Good Evening,

We understand that the Town of Halton Hills is reviewing the boulevard parking by-law and we wanted to share our view on the matter.

We agree that there are issues with individuals parking in the boulevard within the town that need to be addressed. We see three scenarios to this issue.

- 1) Residents are parking their whole vehicle on their lawn
- 2) Residents with sidewalk fronting their property are either blocking the sidewalk, sticking out in the roadway or parking diagonally at the end of the driveway with one set of wheels resting on the grass portion of the boulevard
- 3) Residents who park on the lower portion of their paved driveway without sidewalk

In the first scenario the property starts to look unsightly with the torn-up grass and it poses a safety issue for other vehicles trying to leave their driveway, so we believe that this shouldn't be allowed especially with larger and commercial vehicles.

For the second scenario we don't think blocking the sidewalk or sticking into the road is safe for pedestrians or Town Operations staff especially during snow removal.

In the last situation we don't believe it poses any issues especially when residents are expected to maintain that portion of the driveway and there are no issues associated with this scenario.

We think that these are three separate issues and we respectfully request that the town consider them as such.

We also want to point out that many areas in Halton Hills are newly developed and adequate parking was not considered during the development stage to account for the greater demand for vehicles for dual income families as well as not having public transportation options in the town.

This may also be an opportunity to review how street parking issues are dealt with. Currently parking issues are only addressed when residents report the issue but perhaps having regular patrols will help alleviate the issue and would be able to fund itself. There are residents who regularly disregard the set out rules so we need to ensure that any rules set out are enforced.

We would appreciate to hear your position on this matter.

Thank you for your time.

Thanks,

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Suzanne Jones

From: Mayor of Halton Hills
Sent: Friday, January 25, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Councillors
Cc: Suzanne Jones
Subject: Fwd: NO To Boulevard Parking

Here is another opinion on Blvd parking and thoughts.
Mayor

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 25, 2019 at 11:52:54 AM EST
To: Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Re: NO To Boulevard Parking

Dear Mayor Bonette,

Thank you for your response, and yes please do forward my email on to council, as I was about to write to them as well.

I respect your response into the findings that adult children are staying at home more than before, but this again does not tell the complete story of people choosing not to use their garages for their intended purpose. I am confident, that if complete and thorough research was done on this matter, results would show that even in households where adult children still reside and have their own vehicle, their garage space is not being used correctly, creating this 'need' to park on public property.

In any event, I do hope that if boulevard parking is allowed, that council uses this opportunity as a revenue tool, requiring those who choose this to pay a permit fee for this privilege.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

From: Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>
Sent: January 23, 2019 9:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: NO To Boulevard Parking

Thank you Jackeline for your email and your thoughts. You are correct that many to have their garages full. But there are also cases in areas where the adult children are still living at homes for affordability and studies are showing this is the trend and will be going into the future. And they have cars to go to

work. We are not caving in as you say as we have and still are ticketing any car that are parking illegally as far as over sidewalks, their trunks of their cars hanging out in the road side, parking on streets affecting snow clearing. The only grace we have done was for cars that can park across the bottom of their driveway and all tires must be on the pavement. Cars parked on the grass by the trees planted by the town will still be ticketed.

With your permission may I send your email to all members of council which includes your councillors.

Thank you

Mayor Bonnette

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January-21-19 2:49 PM
To: Mayor of Halton Hills
Subject: NO To Boulevard Parking

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I am one of the quiet majority of residents who strongly oppose Boulevard parking . As in many debates and issues, the facts are being overlooked and hidden in this matter. Quite frankly, residents using town and public property as their own personal parking spot is simply because they refuse to use their garages for their intended purpose - to park their vehicles. Driving around town or walking as I do daily, I confidently say 9 out of 10 homes use their garages as storage and not to park their vehicles. It is not due to lack of transit that homes have more than one vehicle and have no alternative, it is quite simply that home garages are not being used properly. Why pay for a storage unit, when you can use your home garage free of charge and use town space as parking?

I challenge the town to go around town and conduct proper research and you will find that the majority of these home owners arguing for boulevard parking, are not using their garage properly. If they were, the boulevard issue would not be an issue.

If residents choose to use their garages as storage and not for parking of their vehicles, then they should be required to obtain a permit and pay a substantial fee for the privilege of using public space as their personal private parking spots. I am confident if this is required, residents for boulevard parking will clean out their garages in a hurry and use them for it's intended purpose.

Please Mr. Mayor, do not cave in, nor reward disregard for our town's by-laws and impede on the enjoyment of public space for law abiding residents. To do so, is setting a precedent for further disregard on other issues.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Suzanne Jones

From: Brent Marshall
Sent: Monday, January 28, 2019 5:13 PM
To: Mayor of Halton Hills
Cc: Councillors; Suzanne Jones; Jane Diamanti; Chris Mills
Subject: Re: Bouvalard parking.....

Thanks for passing this on. Suzanne is taking all of the feedback into consideration.

Brent

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 28, 2019, at 4:38 PM, Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca> wrote:

[REDACTED] has given me permission to send this email to councillors and staff.
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 28, 2019 at 8:35:26 AM EST
To: "Mayor@haltonhills.ca" <Mayor@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Bouvalard parking.....

Good Morning,

I am writing you this morning in regards to the issue of bouvalard parking.

Our family moved to Georgetown 25 years ago. We've seen tremendous growth in georgetown since. We have experienced our children, and children in our neighbourhood, progress through school and university and become working members of society. We know many families that are sharing dwellings with their children so that those children can save for the dream of owning their own home in Georgetown. This, of course, results to multiple vehicles (i.e. more than 2) per household.

Houses are getting bigger, however, driveways do not always support the size of the home. Garages are not built for large vehicles and for most families are used as storage.

We, like many others, share our side of the road with the sidewalk and as a result have a shortage of parking spaces. Most of my neighbours across the street have four vehicles because they do not have a sidewalk. They will never receive a \$30 fine, yet they continue to utilize the sidewalk across from them.

Far more consideration needs to be given to this issue.

I do not feel it is fair to penalize those of us that happen to have a sidewalk limiting the size of our driveways. From my perspective, parking at the bottom of the driveway (as long as you are not on the boulevard or impeding the sidewalk) should not be ticketed. We pay to pave our driveways (including what is below the sidewalk). The fact that I park a vehicle sideways at the bottom of my driveway is no different than a family that parks their car to the edge of the driveway (vertically).

Thanks for your time.

[REDACTED]

Georgetown South Resident

Suzanne Jones

From: Bob Inglis
Sent: Sunday, January 27, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Mayor of Halton Hills; Councillors
Cc: Brent Marshall; Chris Mills; Suzanne Jones; Jane Diamanti
Subject: Fwd: Boulevard Parking

Good afternoon,
I said I would pass on the resident's comments to relevant town staff, and elected officials.
The resident provides constructive comments in looking at the issue...
With regards,
Bob

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 27, 2019 at 2:14:52 PM EST
To: 'Bob Inglis' <BobInglis@haltonhills.ca>, <annl@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: RE: Boulevard Parking

Hi Bob, thanks for your prompt reply. I have no issues with you forwarding my email to town staff and Town Councillors (I corrected some minor grammatical errors which are included below).

Obviously during snow storms as we have just experienced boulevard parking can become an issue as ploughs need to be able to push the snow somewhere but if Mountainview Road can deal with this issue and that is a 4 lane road is side street boulevard parking and more or less of an issue? If a car is parked parallel to the road when the plough comes by the driver has to contend with the snow pushed against the side of the vehicle. Maybe a compromise is the vehicle must be at least 2 or 3 feet away from the curb??

I would think most boulevard parking is overnight when there is less traffic on the road, so is sight lines really such a big issue especially on side streets. At least residents are avoiding parking on the street, which causes more of an obstacle.

If the issue is truly about sight lines then I believe the town should review all potential obstacles within their jurisdiction as per my comments/example in paragraph 1 below as signs can easily obstruct/block the view of oncoming traffic when placed too close to intersections and also too close together. The fact that there has not been an accident there can also be applied to any particular case which includes boulevard parking. How many accidents have been attributed to blind spots caused by parking on the boulevard and where were they?

Just some other thoughts that have crossed my mind as I respond.

Thanks again Bob, happy to meet if you wish to discuss further.

[REDACTED]

From: Bob Inglis [<mailto:BobInglis@haltonhills.ca>]

Sent: January-27-19 10:30 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Ann Lawlor

Subject: Re: Boulevard Parking

Hi [REDACTED]

I really appreciate your comments and constructive suggestions, in moving forward on this issue. You raise a number of good points, and your suggestions will be forwarded to town staff for taking a serious look at them...

There are a number of homes that have, or still are, using part of the front lawn for parking, and I have personally fielded complaints from neighbours, and addressed those complaints with the authority and by-laws we have in place. Your comments are most noted.

Are you comfortable with me forwarding your e-mail to relevant town staff, and the Town Councillors?

Let me know, and thanks again for your e-mail,

Bob

HH Ward 4 Councillor

905-703-1714

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 26, 2019, at 6:16 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Good day ward 4 councillors,

I am pleased to hear/read that council has approved a motion to review the recent complaints regarding residents who park on the paved areas of their driveways that are considered areas of the boulevard. As one of the town residents who has often had to resort to these measures I wanted to forward my comments to you about this issue so you can include them on my behalf in future discussions the town has on this subject.

- 1) The issue of blind spots on our roads is a legitimate complaint and issue. If you drive around town and surrounding country roads, many intersections have blind spots that are caused by town installed signs. A classic incidence is the intersection of 5th sideroad with 6th line whilst travelling south and looking west bound. Two town signs interfere with the sight of traffic traveling east bound. Other spots around town have the same issue, town signs and hydro poles in my opinion are too close to intersections and can block the view of oncoming traffic.
- 2) Mountainview road residents are exempt from this bylaw. The bylaw seems to exist so sight lines are not interfered with for traffic travelling along Mountainview Rd and for residents exiting their driveways. This is one of the busiest roads in town and one in which a number of motorists probably exceed the posted speed limit yet when pulling out from Comset Gate onto Mountainview Rd people parking on the Boulevard about 25 metres away on the left side are creating a hazardous blind spot. This seems to contradict the purpose of the bylaw.

- 3) In my particular case I live on a quiet crescent with only local resident traffic and along with many residents, parking at the end of their driveway is the only alternative when necessary. In fact many homes often only have space for one car, maybe two at a push and in today's society where grown kids are still living at home and need their own car, the only available place is on the paved area of the boulevard.
- 4) I have space for two cars on my driveway. My wife and I each have a vehicle. At different times our two adult children come to stay and the only place to park is the paved area of the boulevard. If both children come to stay at the same time we have a serious problem, where do we park?. Sometimes these overnights are arranged at the last minute because as they have come for an afternoon visit and stayed for dinner and had a few drinks. As responsible individuals they have elected not to drive home. It is not possible to get an exemption on an evening or weekend so they have had to take their chances on not getting a parking ticket.

We all know that there is always one person on a street who knows all the town by laws and takes pleasure in calling the enforcement officer of any infraction. In some cases like parking near a fire hydrant it can be justified for obvious reasons but the odd time a resident parks overnight on a side street there is no immediate threat to anyone's safety.

If the town elects to continue to enforce the boulevard parking by law on side streets then it must be made easier to get exemptions at the last minute. In addition the number of exemptions for a given licence plate must be removed.

Maybe one way is to allow residents to get an immediate exemption 24hrs per day by applying on line through the town website and being able to print an exemption certificate that would be displayed on the dashboard of the car in question. An exemption would be processed free of charge so long as the plate number did not have any outstanding unpaid parking tickets issued by the town parking enforcement team. I went to the town website to look at the exemption form and all it has is submit. It does not appear to provide an instant printable certificate. If on review at a later date, the certificate was deemed to have been inappropriate, then staff can take the matter up with the applicant to discuss the circumstances and future options. For those in the town who choose to complain about boulevard parking, having a printed certificate on the dashboard would prevent complaints and save parking enforcement/police time and money investigating unnecessary complaints.

Furthermore, residents should be allowed to apply for exemptions when circumstances require as in the case where there may be up to 4 cars for a residence. A 4 bedroom house could very easily house 2 parents with cars and two adult children living at home both with cars but the original building was only designed for two cars, one in the garage and one on the driveway.

If this issue is not properly resolved, I can for see front gardens being turned into formal areas to park cars and front lawns disappearing. This is very evident in the UK where residents have had to pave over their front lawns to park cars so they are off the streets. This will certainly not enhance the look of properties in our town. It seems unjust that as the majority of residents take pride in their property and maintain

the boulevard by paying to have the boulevard paved, cut the grass and keep the weeds down they now get ticketed for parking on their paved boulevard area.

I look forward to the town acting in a responsible manner based on all the input that seems to have been forwarded to council recently on this topic.

Respectfully,

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Suzanne Jones

From: Ann Lawlor
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Suzanne Jones
Cc: Mayor of Halton Hills; Brent Marshall
Subject: Fw: Boulevard Parking

Hello Suzanne

This may be a duplicate, but [REDACTED] has asked that I pass this email on to you for future consideration of the parking bylaw.

Thanks,

Ann

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 9:09 AM
Subject: Boulevard Parking

Dear Representative

I am directly affected by By Law 84-1 and I hope you will take the time to try and understand how this affects myself and my neighbours. The by law mostly affects those of us in smaller homes with single or shared driveways who realistically have no other options for parking except boulevard parking. Today most families have 2 vehicles and our single small garages universally have children's bikes/toys, and maintenance and recreational vehicles, as well we often find ourselves with adult children and older parents with cars temporarily moving in. None of us want to every night move and park our vehicles parallel to the road (with our tires off the sidewalk and the curb) but we have adapted to what we believe is a safe way to adapt to this situation. Yes many of us do park two tires gently on the grass out of necessity (there is not enough room otherwise on single driveways) but we do so to minimize any damage because we perceive that grass as part of our lawn and my home and want to look after it.

When parked in this way it is a reasonable compromise and very safe , I cannot see how this is a safety problem because it does not block views of

the road for drivers, and actually the vision of the road is better than people without sidewalks with cars filling a driveway at right angles to the road. As well we only ask for this parking at night, so for the vast majority of the day these areas are open, in fact most people are asleep when the cars are parked.

Enforcing 84-1 and giving tickets does not solve a problem for which we have no options but in the future can be prevented with better planning. In fact the original plans of my street people used when they purchased their homes showed the sidewalks were to be on the opposite side of the street.

My neighbours are ordinary good citizens of Halton Hills (I personally have lived here for close to 40 years) who wish to enjoy their homes and find parking.

I propose you allow boulevard parking AT NIGHT (even assign times, say 10pm-8am) but enforce fines who do not take the time to stay off the curb and the sidewalk, BUT it is Very important to allow people to park 2 tires on the VERY small area grass beside their driveway.

Giving tickets is not a fair way to settle this problem, rather reasonable compromise works well for citizens who need parking.



Georgetown

Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness

Suzanne Jones

From: Ann Lawlor
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 12:19 PM
To: Suzanne Jones
Cc: Bob Inglis; Jane Fogal; Mayor of Halton Hills
Subject: Fw: Parking in the area between sidewalk and the road

Hello Suzanne

This resident has asked that his comments be passed along to you for review of the parking bylaw.

Thanks

Ann

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 1, 2019 9:02 AM
To: Ann Lawlor; Bob Inglis
Subject: Parking in the area between sidewalk and the road

Mrs. Lawer and Mr. Inglis,

First I would like to thank you for your work on the council.

The reason I am writing is regarding the parking situation that has been in the news recently. Unfortunately, we are one of the families struggling with parking space. I have three sons, all raised in Georgetown, who have all completed post-secondary schooling and are thankfully working. Due the cost of housing they are all staying at home while they save sufficient funds to allow entry into the property market. Due to this we have five cars to park. Two in the garage, two in the driveway and one parallel to the road and sidewalk (the bylaw illegally parked vehicle). To attempt to widen the driveway would be expensive and in my personal view could be unsightly due to there being more driveway than landscape.

I have seen the argument for not parking in the area between the sidewalk and the road is due to safety and for visibility of neighbors leaving their driveway. I would argue that having a car parked parallel to the road in the driveway provides no greater risk to visibility than a car parked on the road. My neighbors across the road have no sidewalk so they park four cars in their driveway. The two cars at the bottom of the driveway surely create the same impediment to visibility for their neighbor as my parked car does, yet he is legally parked. This to me negates the safety argument due to double standard. Also with the current weather conditions I do not see the city coming around and removing the excess snow banks to ensure good visibility when I am coming out of my driveway. As at all times care should be taken when leaving and entering your driveway no matter the weather or surrounding conditions.

I see a lot of my neighbors currently in the same parking situation with young adults living at home due to the high cost of housing. I would ask you to consider supporting changing the parking by-law to allow the young to continue living and contributing in Georgetown.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Georgetown.

Suzanne Jones

From: Suzanne Jones
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Suzanne Jones
Subject: FW: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!
Attachments: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 8:44 AM
To: Jane Fogal
Cc: Mayor of Halton Hills; Suzanne Jones; Moya Johnson; Wendy Farrow-Reed; Matthew Roj
Subject: RE: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

And let me also ask why does it matter if the boulevard is all asphalt or part asphalt and grass? Why can we not be included? Please provide explanation on why one is okay and the other is not. This is completely unfair.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: January-15-19 8:42 AM
To: 'Jane Fogal' <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>
Cc: Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>; Suzanne Jones <suzannej@haltonhills.ca>; Moya Johnson <MoyaJ@haltonhills.ca>; Wendy Farrow-Reed <wfarrowreed@haltonhills.ca>; Matthew Roj <MatthewR@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: RE: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

Ji Jane

Then nothing has been done by council to resolve the issue that I have been asking about since June of 2018. You get complaints from others just recently in volume so you pass a temporary measure. How is that fair for me? Where am I going to park? Our street is ALWAYS ticketed.

From: Jane Fogal <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>
Sent: January-15-19 8:30 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>; Suzanne Jones <suzannej@haltonhills.ca>; Moya Johnson <MoyaJ@haltonhills.ca>; Wendy Farrow-Reed <wfarrowreed@haltonhills.ca>; Matthew Roj <MatthewR@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Re: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

Hello [REDACTED]

This temporary measure does mean that if your car is on the grass it will be ticketed, if there are complaints that bring enforcement officers to your street.

Staff are now going to review the by-law and will be looking at all the issues as well as by-laws from other municipalities.

I have copied the Clerk, Suzanne Jones, so that she is aware of your situation. Also I have copied our traffic Coordinator, Matt Roj. You may wish to submit your concerns directly to them.

Jane

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Rogers network.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:15 AM
To: Jane Fogal
Subject: RE: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

Hi Jane

This is good news, I just need clarification on what you mean by 'has 4 wheels on the hard surface'.

When I park on my boulevard I do not overhand the road or the sidewalk and I have 2 wheels on asphalt and 2 wheels on grass. Am I going to get a ticket? I hope the answer is no and I am going to assume that is the case unless you advise me otherwise. If it is not the case council has amended a rule for those with very long boulevards, leaving those of us in Dominion Gardens with no solution at all.

Please advise ASAP.
[REDACTED]

From: Jane Fogal <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>
Sent: January-14-19 9:08 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

Hello [REDACTED]

At a special council meeting this afternoon Council passed a resolution directing enforcement staff to allow boulevard parking where the vehicle has 4 wheels on the hard surface and doesn't overhand the road or the sidewalk. This is a temporary suspension of the by-law until staff comes forward with a recommendation and potential amendments to the by-law. Hope that helps.

Jane

Jane Fogal, Local and Regional Councillor
Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region
905 877 5806
Twitter @JanieFF

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 January 2019 08:55
To: Mayor of Halton Hills; Jane Fogal
Subject: Parking Situation - please provide update - waiting over 6 months now!!!

Good Morning

I hope this email finds you well. I have to say my morning did not start so well. No one has gotten back to me with any type of follow-up on this parking situation and this morning we have a ticket for parking on the boulevard which has never once been ticketed until now. I sent my initial email on June 7th and asked for update on October 10th. No one has provided any feedback.

Please help us. We are taxpayers and have no viable solution. I have been on the waiting list for parking in Dominion Gardens since June 7, 2018 with no call back so far. There is NO public transit in this bedroom community, thus most every home has 2 vehicles and we only have parking for 1 vehicle in our driveway. We used to park 2nd vehicle on the street until we started to get frequent parking tickets. Then we took to parking on the boulevard to avoid tickets. There

were many an occurrences where we saw tickets on vehicles on the street where those on boulevard did not get one. This confirms the parking enforcement saw no issue with parking on boulevard until now. Why the change?

To add insult to injury I tried to obtain an exemption last night on the town website for parking on the street as had vehicle rust proofed yesterday (happy to provide proof) as I didn't want dripping on boulevard and although I filled out the form on town website on 3 different occasions and hit submit button, nothing happened. So I gave up and parked on boulevard and guess what I got a ticket....which I never got before. I am quite familiar with how to fill this out this form as do so when I have company so they don't get a ticket.

Please advise on this matter. Is there any viable solution you can propose?

Your constituent (the person you work for!)

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: October-10-18 1:26 PM

To: 'Mayor of Halton Hills' <rickb@haltonhills.ca>; Jane Fogal <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>

Subject: RE: Parking Situation

Hi Mayor Rick

I sent a follow-up to Jane's response just a moment ago (see attached). I don't know who you forwarded this email to but I have received no response. Please advise....

See attached

From: Mayor of Halton Hills <rickb@haltonhills.ca>

Sent: June-15-18 12:07 PM

To: [REDACTED] Jane Fogal <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>

Subject: RE: Parking Situation

Hi [REDACTED]

I have forwarded your email to staff. The person who handles bylaw has been away all week and should be back on Monday. Sorry for the delay.

Mayor Rick

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: June-15-18 7:43 AM

To: Mayor of Halton Hills; Jane Fogal

Subject: Parking Situation

Good Morning

Have you had a chance to review my email?

I am hoping you have some ideas on resolution.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June-07-18 2:51 PM
To: 'Mayor@haltonhills.ca' <Mayor@haltonhills.ca>; 'janefogal@haltonhills.ca' <janefogal@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: Parking Situation

Hello Mayor Rick and Councillor Jane Fogal

I own 3 homes in Georgetown and am having a parking ticket issue at one of them, [REDACTED] I have no issue with other properties on Prince Charles Drive and Logan Court. I have been advised numerous times when calling to complain about the money grab that the parking enforcement officers are only coming out to ticket when they have a complaint. On Bradley Drive and other streets in the Dominion Gardens subdivision ticketing is **VERY** frequent so we must have one heck of a complainer. On one side of each street (where there is sidewalk) there is only parking for 1 in the driveway. There is a small section on one of the side roads that allows parking greater than 5 hours (I think about 8 cars) but unless you get home from work early the chances of getting to use these are slim to none.

Many folks have started parking sideways on their boulevard which means dead grass and the area looking more and more like a trailer park every day. How awful.

Today I decided I would bite the bullet and pay for a Dominion Gardens monthly parking pass only to be advised that the town only has access to 13/14 of these spaces and they are all occupied and there is a waiting list.

What are the alternatives for this community? Georgetown does not have public transit thus you can almost guarantee that every home has at minimum 2 cars. The town allowed these small driveways which they should not have knowing we do not have public transit. I am hoping you have some suggestions to solving this issue which is becoming quite expensive for the folks in this subdivision. Are we able to get a bylaw exemption on an as requested basis? I ask as it seems highly unfair that because we purchased a home on the side of street that ended up with a sidewalk that we have 1 less parking space and have to pay \$20 or \$30 tickets frequently just because we have a neighbour with nothing better to do than to complain. I am certain that my taxes are just as high as the person across the street who does not have to deal with the same issue.

Please help
Thank you
[REDACTED]

Suzanne Jones

From: Bob Inglis
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Suzanne Jones
Subject: Fwd: boulevard parking

Hi Suzanne,
The resident has asked his comments be forwarded to staff for their perusal and consideration...
Thanks,
Bob

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 31, 2019 at 11:08:47 AM EST
To: 'Bob Inglis' <BobInglis@haltonhills.ca>
Subject: RE: boulevard parking

Bob

Thank you for reply, yes you may forward my comments (as long as I don't get targeted now for tickets !)

Regards
[REDACTED]

From: Bob Inglis <BobInglis@haltonhills.ca>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: boulevard parking

Hi [REDACTED],

Thank you for your comments and bringing your situation to my attention.
We are receiving a number of comments on this issue.

Council have instructed staff to investigate, and take a look at this issue, and what may be best for our municipality.

We are aware of the increase in young adults who drive, living with their parents, and so you have multiple vehicles needed in a single family home.

The issue will be brought forward by staff when all information is received, and a recommendation made to Council regarding the by-law that currently is in place...

May I forward your comments on to the appropriate town staff, and the elected officials?
Let me know, and thanks again,
Bob

Bob Inglis
Councillor
Ward 4
905-873-9124
bobinglis@haltonhills.ca

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Bob Inglis
Subject: boulevard parking

Mr. Inglis

I am writing concerning the issue of boulevard parking. Recently it was in the news that more and more tickets have been given out. What is the problem with parking a car at the bottom of the driveway as long as it is not hanging out over the road or the sidewalk ? I don't believe it to be any more unsightly than having a car parked in the driveway. On my walk with my dog every morning I see several cars parked in the boulevard at the bottom of the driveway, all are parked properly so as not to be on the lawn and not overhanging onto the road or sidewalk. Some households, of which I am one, do not have enough room in the driveway. We have three adults who all work in different locations, we need three cars but only have room for two. In the winter due to snow clearing we are not allowed to park on the road. This is totally understandable, but now if we can't park on the boulevard, where do we park ? I have never received a ticket, but now that it has been in the news, is this going to happen? Do we have to move out of town? I have lived in Georgetown for over thirty years now.

Please bring some reason to the Town on this issue.

Thank you
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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