

Durham Condominium Corporation #73

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Council
Township of Brock
1 Cameron St E,
Cannington, ON, L0E 1E0

September 2, 2022

Dear Council Members,

The board of directors for Durham Condominium Corporation 73 formally requests your assistance in dealing with parking offenders on the corporation's property whose behaviour is illegal and a danger to public safety. The board is tasked with enforcing Provincial regulations governing vehicle parking but has not been given the tools to do so.

For example, the accompanying photograph shows a car parked in our fire lane and within 10 feet of a fire hydrant. This is a common, unlawful and potentially dangerous occurrence that the board is unable to prevent. Parking in this manner is illegal and punishable across Ontario but violators are aware that the board has no means to compel them to behave responsibly and that municipal bylaw officers have never operated on condo property.

On a similar matter, under the Ontario Condominium Act the board is also responsible for keeping available several guest parking spots for the convenience of visitors, service vehicles, and ambulances. Despite numerous reminders and letters requesting compliance, a number of residents continually use up all the guest parking spots leaving no spaces for visitors, contractors, day-care providers or emergency vehicles.

Responsible residents ask that the board act to control the behaviour of those who defiantly park either in the fire route or in visitor parking on a daily basis despite the hazard and inconvenience they cause. There are times when large vehicles like garbage trucks, delivery trucks, moving vans, and emergency vehicles are obstructed and other times, especially in the evening or on weekends when visitors have nowhere to park. Despite the board's best efforts to seek compliance, parking issues have been the cause of several heated encounters.

There are 10 visitor parking spaces located around the property. Each unit has a minimum of two parking places, one in the garage and one or more in their driveway or in assigned spaces. If extra parking is required, residents are asked to park on May St. by the entrance to the condominium where up to 12 vehicles can be accommodated. In effect, there is ample parking for everyone except those who find it inconvenient to park in their garage and those who store unused vehicles in visitor parking for weeks at a time.

We recognize that it may be impractical for municipal bylaw officers to monitor vehicles on private property however the safety and peace of mind of our community depends on some form of incentive to moderate the behaviour of serial offenders.

We ask that council consider the option of authorizing officers of the Condominium Corporation to issue parking tickets as is the case in other municipalities in the GTA.

The board would be happy to appear before council to discuss the situation and answer any questions.

Sincerely yours,

Kim Walker

President, Durham Condominium Corporation 73



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