

January 5, 2023

The residents of Sunderland and surrounding area are just realizing the silent and sudden loss of prime parking spots in the huge parking lot south of the arena. They now are marked with "Parking Permits Only"

Years back when River Street was "modernized", there was a loss of several parking spots, residents were told to park in this huge parking lot that we are addressing in this letter.

We understand the reasons for this surprise decision are:

1. Getting vehicles off the street for snow removal
2. provide parking closer to arena for winter sports
3. provide parking for residents who have chosen to rent where parking is not provided.
4. There will be an income from these "Permit Only" spots

Worries about the reasoning behind this decision

1. Yes ... Vehicles must be off the streets at night if we expect continued excellent snow removal. Cars can use the parking lot as always, just not their own private spot

2. Using close proximity to the arena should be null and void! There are lots of close parking spots to the arena doors for these SEASONAL SPORTS for the young energetic residents.

3. Why are we solving a landlord's parking problem at the expense of the whole town who use these spots every day? Did they buy the property from the Region without knowing there was a parking problem? Are tenants renting without knowing about parking issues? They must have been grandfathered in to use free parking at arena before the new owner bought it from the Region. Why would they now have the privilege of these prime spots?

4. As far as making an income from these spots, it can not be enough to offset the problems that have been created.

The Legion is used many times a month. We understand and appreciate that the merchants want us off the main street. The Church also depended on these valuable parking spots. Parking behind was no problem till now. Brock Township has worked hard to create accessibility to our buildings. That progress has certainly been cut off at the knees. Not only did we lose the parking spots but we lost the easy access to the sidewalk in front of the parking spaces which is so important, especially to those with walking challenges.

Is there a reason why these people cannot park on the lot facing the east so these prime spots are freed back up?

We hope you appreciate public input. As these "Parking Permit" spots sit UNUSED all day, we hope you do not wait one year to review this "Pilot Project"

Respectfully submitted by the Sunderland Residents

PLEASE SAVE OUR PARKING SPOTS

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

DATE

DEB McCLURE

JAN. 8/23

Bry McCLURE

8 JAN 23

Bill Davis

JAN 8/23

James Jayce

Jan 8/23

Judy Reid

Jan 8/23

BERT REID

Jan 8/23

Keith & Dorothy Shier

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Chris Dale Evans

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John & Gail MacEachern

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Jane ALLEN

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MADELAINE DAVIS

REV. LES HILLS


Jan 8.23.
Jan 8/23

Bill Gibson

Lila Clarkson

Jan 10/23

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NAME	PHONE NUMBER	DATE
STAN PARISH		Dec 8 2023
GARY PARISH		Jan 12 2023
Joel Lovell		Jan 07/2023
PHIL HARRIS		Jan 7/23
John Harris		Jan 11/23
Emerson		JAN 7/23
Matthew Woods		Jan 7/23
Julia Alexander		Jan 7/23
Deborah Furr		Jan 7/23
Lee Billinger		Jan 7/23
Jim FAMES		Jan 7/23
ZACH SWAIN		JAN 07/23
Theresa Garcia		Jan 7/23
Susan C. Calvey		Jan 7/23
Alfred		Jan 7/23
John		Jan 7/23
Alba		Jan 7/23
JOHN LISBARD		Jan 7/23
Lois Parish		Jan 7/23
Marie Parish		Jan 12/23
Ken Parish	Jan 12/23	