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City of Toronto Updates Parking Minimums for New Developments

Toronto, ON – City Council voted to adopt Zoning Bylaw amendments to remove parking requirements for new developments. The goal of the amendment is to assist in building healthy and sustainable communities, manage car dependency, while creating a balance between too much and too little parking availability.

In September 2020, Councillor Paul Ainslie, Scarborough-Guildwood, successfully moved a motion at the Planning and Housing Committee to request the City Planning Division to [Examine Parking Requirements for New Development Applications](#).

“Recognizing car ownership trends are changing and people are beginning to move around differently, makes it prudent to examine our existing parking by-laws, to ensure they reflect the needs of Toronto in new developments”, stated Councillor Paul Ainslie.

“Many cities have moved towards lowering parking requirements in new developments allowing for more flexibility as they take into account the changing needs of their neighbourhoods”, continued Councillor Ainslie. “Working remotely and an increase of public transit use, are examples of changing parking needs which should be reflected in parking requirements.”

The Zoning Bylaw amendments also align with Toronto’s climate action strategy, TransformTO and Provincial Policy Statement and the Growth Plan. The new regulations set Toronto in the right direction to meet aggressive targets to address environmental sustainability, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve liveability for residents and creating healthier communities.

The adapted regulations will help encourage residents to use car alternatives such as walking, cycling and taking transit, to lessens traffic congestion and create space to improve conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and transit users.

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