

Motion – Development Services Committee

Whereas:

- Main Street Unionville, between Carlton Road and the Metrolinx railway tracks, was recently reconstructed. The east side includes parking bays outlined with white pavers.
- The Unionville Business Improvement Area (UBIA) requests that these parking bays remain inactive and that no parking be allowed on either side of this section of Main Street (Attachment 1, UBIA Board motion, October 2024, Item 6).
- Before the 2020 pandemic, parking was permitted only in winter on the east side; no parking was allowed in spring, summer, or fall. Pandemic-era restrictions extended no-parking restrictions throughout the year. This was maintained until the 2025 reconstruction.
- The east-side parking bays were designed with subtle white outlines to reduce confusion if restrictions are enforced. The design gives flexibility to future decision makers. This was discussed at the time the design decision was made.
- Main Street was redesigned to enhance the pedestrian experience, with no distinction between sidewalk and boulevard. Parked cars interfere with this space and are perceived by many as a safety concern.
- The UBIA and its retail consultant, Warren Smagaren (warrensmagaren.com), support removing on-boulevard parking, believing it benefits businesses and the pedestrian environment.
- Removal of on-boulevard parking facilitates snow clearing and will allow for summer sidewalk cafés on the east side. Several restaurants have expressed interest in the latter.
- *The Main Street Unionville Community Vision Plan (2015)* demonstrates that there is no shortage of parking to serve Main Street Unionville, even at peak times ([page 144](#)).
- While the recently approved *Citywide Parking Strategy* does prioritise a parking strategy for Unionville, there is no indication at this time that on-boulevard parking is required to address parking issues there.
- There is support for one or two short-term parking spots for drop-offs, particularly for those with mobility challenges.
- Local residents have recently expressed opposition to on-boulevard parking through emails (Appendix 2) and discussions with the Ward 3 Councillor.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- Markham Council directs staff to eliminate on-boulevard parking on Main Street Unionville between Carlton Road and the Metrolinx railway tracks, except for two short-term parking spots for drop-offs and pick-ups.
- Changes to parking restrictions should be made via a simple change to signage and enforcement only. No changes to the boulevard brick pattern are required.
- Any future changes to parking restrictions on this section of Main Street shall be made only in consultation with the Unionville Business Improvement Area.