

Subject: Parking on Panorama Drive

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Dear Mayor & Council:

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Panorama Street Parking

During Council's recent debate on the licensing of encroachments, more than one Councillor acknowledged the problem of vehicle parking on Panorama Drive. Councillor Dunsford, who lives on the street described the situation as being an impediment for emergency vehicles.

I certainly concur with the opinions of Council. I believe there is the high risk of a traffic/pedestrian/cyclist accident. I'm also concerned about the delay of emergency vehicles. Of particular concern is Seycove Marina located at the far end of the street. It is a large marina with petrol refuelling facilities. There have been incidents of boats moored at the marina, catching fire.

I believe the current situation does meet minimum community safety standards & should be rectified. Unfortunately the approval of a few street encroachments is not enough to solve the problem.

Some Suggestions:

- **Parking should be allowed on only one side of the street.**
- Formalize all street parking spaces with a yellow line – the current haphazard method of parking is dangerous.
- Identify stalls as short term (4 hour visit?) or long term (24 hour max?).
- Purchase of annual permits.
- Parking meters.
- Restrict secondary suites and B&Bs.
- Indian Arm Commuters must use the Marina for parking.

The current situation has persisted for far too long. As Council has acknowledged the problem of parking on Panorama Drive and safety concerns, **I believe you are duty-bound to act.** Unfortunately Council has a habit of identifying problems, but then does nothing about it. It would be refreshing to see a member of Council other than Mr.Crist take the initiative in coming to grips with **an accident waiting to happen.**

Yours truly, Dave Sadler