



May 12, 2020

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Dear Ms. Mitic:

RE: City-Wide Parking Review Update

Thank you and your staff for the letter that was sent to the Urban Development Institute (UDI) and the presentation to our Liaison Committee on May 8, 2020, regarding the City-Wide Parking Review. On behalf of UDI and its members, we would like to express our support for the work plan for the review and proposed Phase 1 changes. We respectfully provide the following comments for consideration:

The reductions in parking rates for transit-oriented development (TOD) areas will support growth around transit and the City’s broader environmental and transportation objectives. If these proposed reductions are implemented, we ask that the City consider extending the new parking rates to in-stream projects that have not yet proceeded to the Building Permit stage.

We hope this direction continues in subsequent phases and that there will be opportunities for further reductions to the TOD parking rates as staff continue to gather more information. For example, we see an opportunity to further reduce the rates for market and non-market rental parking.

We encourage staff to take a holistic approach to the subsequent phases of this review, considering the impacts on other aspects of providing housing and commercial spaces. As future phases progress, it will be key to use this review to anticipate future demand as much as possible, taking a forward-looking approach as the new rates are established. We also encourage staff to engage a broad group of stakeholders including TransLink particularly in Phases 4-5 as this work relates to TOD and parking facilities near transit.

We would like to reiterate our support for the changes proposed by staff in this first Phase of the City-Wide Parking Review and commend staff for their study of parking needs across the City. UDI looks forward to working with Coquitlam as the review progresses both through our Liaison Committee and Parking Subcommittee. If you have any further questions regarding our comments, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anne McMullin
President and CEO, Urban Development Institute