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**TO:** Sean Kenney, Secretary, Committee of Adjustment  
City of Mississauga

**COPIED:** Jim Tovey, Councillor, Ward 1  
Laura Piette, Director, Parks & Forestry Division

**FROM:** Town of Port Credit Association (TOPCA) - Executive

**SUBJECT:** 91 Park Street East (former Port Credit Bowling Green site)  
File: **'A' 405/17** (Ward 1)  
Request for Use as Temporary Commuter Parking Lot

The Town of Port Credit Association (TOPCA) represents the interests of the residents of the Port Credit Planning District, as documented through our registration as an affiliated ratepayer / residents' group with the City of Mississauga.

Since 2015, the TOPCA Executive has engaged with both the City of Mississauga and Metrolinx concerning future redevelopment of the Port Credit GO Station lands. We have documented this on our public webpage: [www.topca.net/development/Port\\_Credit\\_GO\\_Station.htm](http://www.topca.net/development/Port_Credit_GO_Station.htm)

It has always been understood that during phased construction at the Port Credit 'mobility hub', the parking provision would be shunted both on- and off-site to continue serving the needs of GO Transit commuters. This was last discussed at TOPCA's public AGM on November 22, 2016 per the theme '*Are we on the Eve...of Construction?*'

We have previously expressed concern about the ultimate use of the parkette at 91 Park Street East, in the context of the *Port Credit GO Station Southeast Area Master Plan* process:

"The Bowling Green site (now owned by the City) is a precious green space in this area. The City should pay special attention to ensure that it, a) remains public; b) contributes to the liveability of the neighbourhood; c) is surrounded by development which enhances this role. Do not assume more land can be assembled later for green open space."

-- *Excerpt: TOPCA Deputation at Planning & Development Committee (PDC) on Oct 26, 2015*

In a further presentation to PDC on June 27, 2016, TOPCA reiterated this view and presented photographs of the site which show a mature parkette that includes larger trees on the west edge of the property, several more trees on the south edge, and one very large tree on the eastern (Huron Street) boundary (*photo, p3*).

At present, much to the delight of the community, this green space is being used as a nature-inspired welcome to Port Credit, featuring a large flower bed installation with floral tribute to Canada 150 (in the form of the Canadian flag), as maintained by the City Parks Dept. (*photo, p3*).

We note that the Notice of Hearing makes no reference to the trees; nor does the Staff commentary for this file, which only states: "Transportation and Works conditions will be addressed through the Site Plan Approval process". There is no mention of any Parks Dept. interest in ongoing conditions on the site.

We infer from the Notice that a total of 79 parking stalls (*correction from our earlier version*) are to be allocated. Without seeing the Site Plan it is impossible to know the fate of the trees, which would provide a natural screening for the neighbours during the parking use and we hope, could be retained in support of future green space.

**While we take no issue in principle with use of the site as a temporary commuter parking lot during the disruptive construction period at the Port Credit GO Station, we would request that the Committee's permission for the requested variance (1.), should it be granted, be conditional on:**

- 1) provision of the tree plan for the site so that the public may be informed and make comment during the Site Plan Approval process (which may impact configuration of the parking stalls);
- 2) the site reverting to its present open green space condition (pending a public planning process to determine its ultimate use) once permanent parking is completed as planned.

On behalf of the TOPCA Executive,

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