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Dear Minister Clark,

Re: Parking Revenues

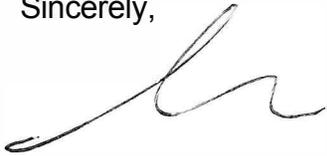
We are aware that there will be a request from the City of Ottawa to loosen regulations to repurpose parking revenues in one form or another. As representatives from the Ottawa business districts through which these revenues are generated we would like to express our concern over any changes that will see revenues redirected outside of the current legislation.

The Parking Management Strategy Stakeholder group is comprised of representatives of four Business Improvement Areas, Ottawa Tourism, local community associations, Transportation Demand Management (TDM), religious and accessibility organizations. This group has worked over the course of the past year on the Parking Strategy refresh with broader consultation from around the City that garnered significant input overall. The Strategy's mandate was fully supported with minor adjustments. The current funds do support road and sidewalk maintenance in areas for paid parking, Park & Ride maintenance and cycle parking beyond these areas. The funds will also be used for lifecycle maintenance of on-street pay and display machines, updates and maintenance of off-street parking facilities and expanding the on-street paid parking inventory.

We understand the need for our municipality to seek funds beyond increasing taxes but feel that these funds should continue in support of those business districts and the current initiatives reinforced during the policy refresh. The economic climate for the bricks and mortar businesses that make up our cities' character needs more support with the rise of on-line shopping, higher property taxes and escalating costs in the small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) operations including higher electricity rates and double digit increases in water and sewer services.

We would ask that the integrity of the legislation regarding parking revenue remain the same to ensure that the parking revenues are operationalized in a manner in support of those priorities developed and supported in the Parking Management Strategy policy. If there is to be a redirection of any of these funds it would be most appropriate to them be applied directly to the areas that generate the funds in support of initiative for improvement or beautification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Kaluski', written in a cursive style.

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