

PETITION TO TORONTO CITY COUNCIL

Item MM14, Motion without Notice, Moved by Councillor Mike Del Grande and seconded by
Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam
Parking Fees and Charges for Motorcycles and Motorized Scooters

Six years ago, the City of Toronto demonstrated traffic safety and urban planning leadership by providing free street parking and other improvements for motorcycles and motorized scooters. But the City is about to take a step back if it continues with a proposal to enforce parking charges and fees for motorcycles and motorized scooters. PW25.11 recommends to "...maintain the exemption...: Here are some reasons why free street parking for motorcycles and motorized scooters should continue:

- *Motorcycles and motorized scooters use less space on the road, have significantly less impact on road infrastructure thus saving municipal dollars, require less parking space, consume less fuel, produce less emissions, and reduce traffic;*
- *PW25.11 calls for designated motorcycle parking on streets. These will be sparsely used between November and April therefore we propose to leave the existing legislation in place so the proposed motorcycle parking can revert to car parking on a first come first served basis regardless of the season;*
- *Motorcycles, motorized scooters, and limited speed vehicles are an affordable mode of transportation for many commuters where comparable transit options don't exist or where cars are the only other viable transit option;*
- *Pay & Display tags and other parking receipts are easily lost or stolen from parked motorcycles and motorized scooters resulting in unwarranted fines, which puts an unnecessary burden on riders and increased costs for city officials and the municipal court system;*
- *City officials should also note that the program also complements the Ontario government's tourism strategy to attract motorcyclists from border provinces and states.*

We call on Toronto City Council to oppose any measures that would implement and enforce parking charges and fees for motorcycles and motor scooters:

Please send to before the next vote on Oct 8 to Stephen Buckley General Manager of Transportation Services at City of Toronto Facsimile 416 392 4455 Telephone 416 392 8431

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