

# Fair Hospital Parking Charges

Presentation to

The City of Vaughan

Submitted by J Hazlewood

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CW: May 21/13
Item: Deputation 2)

# Who We Are

- Fair Hospital Parking Charges partnership
  - Advocacy group seeking reduction of parking charges at Ontario Hospitals
  - Supported by an interdenominational prayer group, that represents at least seven denominations
  - Alan Powell, John Hazlewood, Elizabeth Plashkes, and Dan Horschik

# Our Goals

- To inform the Provincial Government of the problem of rising and unfair parking charges at Ontario Hospitals
- To persuade the Provincial Government to reduce and cap parking charges at a fair rate
- To seek the support of City and Town Councils to assist in reaching these goals

# The Issue

- The collection of exorbitant parking fees from people at their most vulnerable moments is fundamentally and morally wrong. The sick, the injured, the aged, the disabled, the chronically ill, the frantically- worried and the poor cannot advocate for their needs when personal health-care crises are upon them. In the midst of challenging, sometimes tragic circumstances, Ontario hospitals and the governments that support them must not download budgetary pressures upon the hospital clientele. We believe hospital budgets can be achieved in a much more compassionate way.

# What We Are Asking Of You

We appeal to the Council of The City of Vaughan on behalf of the people of Vaughan to petition the Premier of the Province to take steps to control the parking rates at the hospitals of Ontario.

- Suggested resolution: *The City of Vaughan hereby requests that the Province of Ontario reduce and cap at a fair rate the parking charges at Ontario Hospitals.*

# What We Have Done So Far

- Discussed the rising and unfair parking rates at our local hospital with local elected representatives and stakeholders;
- Met with municipal councillors and mayors
- Met with provincial M.P.s
- Met hospital CEO and CFO, Foundation and fundraising staff
- Met with newspaper, radio and television journalists

# What We Have Done So Far

- Worked with municipal councils who have endorsed this policy including:

City of Markham

City of Oshawa

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Town of Uxbridge

Town of East Gwillimbury

The City of Pickering

And other municipalities which will have this motion on their upcoming agendas.

# What We Are Not Doing

- This is not a campaign to undermine the excellent work of our hospitals. We ask only that the people of Ontario, as the key stakeholders in the health care system, be engaged in the decisions that affect them so closely.



# Our request to the Council of The City of Vaughan

That the Council of the The City of Vaughan pass  
the following motion:

*“The City Town of Vaughan hereby requests that the  
Province of Ontario reduce and cap at a fair rate  
the parking charges at Ontario Hospitals.”*

*That copies of this motion be sent to:*

*Premier of Ontario*

*Minister of Health and Long term Care*

*M.P.P.s of your riding.*



December 18, 2012

Mr. Alan Powell  
5802 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Markham, On L3P 3J3

RE: FAIR HOSPITAL PARKING CHARGES (3.8)

Dear Mr. Powell:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on November 13, 2012, Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

- "1) That the presentation by Mr. Alan D. Powell, entitled "Fair Hospital Parking Charges" be received; and,
- 2) That the City of Markham hereby requests that the Province of Ontario reduce and cap at a fair rate the parking charges at Ontario Hospitals including Markham Stouffville Hospital."

Yours sincerely,

Martha Pettit  
Acting City Clerk

Copy to: The Honourable Deborah Matthews  
Minister of Health and Long Term Care

MAP:mbp

November 15, 2012

The Honourable Deborah Matthews  
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2C4


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File A-2114

January 3, 2013

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Re: Parking Rates at Ontario Hospitals

Oshawa City Council considered the matter at a meeting held on December 17, 2012 and adopted the following recommendation of the Corporate Services Committee:

"Whereas the Provincial Government needs to be informed about the problem of rising and unfair parking charges at Ontario hospitals; and,

Whereas the Provincial Government can persuade and act to reduce and cap parking charges at a fair rate; and,

Whereas the collection of exorbitant parking fees from people at their most vulnerable moment is fundamentally and morally wrong; and,

Whereas the sick, the injured, the aged, the disabled, the chronically ill and the frantically worried cannot advocate for their needs when personal health-care crises are upon them;

Therefore, City Council on behalf of the people of Oshawa, petition the Premier of the Province to take steps to control the parking rates at the hospitals of Ontario."

Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

If you require further assistance, please contact me at the address below or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

Sandra Kranc  
City Clerk



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April 23, 2013

The Honourable Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Legislative Building, Queen's Park  
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Subject: Fair Hospital Parking Charges  
Corr. 16-13  
File: A-1400-001-13

The Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a meeting held on April 22, 2013, and endorsed the following resolution from a grass-roots advocacy group seeking a reduction of parking charges at Ontario hospitals;

That Council support fair hospital parking charges by way of forwarding letters to the Premier, the Minister of Health and Long Term Care and all respective MP's, MPP's requesting that parking fees at Ontario Hospitals be reduced and capped at a fair rate.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660 extension 2019.

Yours truly

Debbie Shields  
City Clerk  
DS/lcr

Copy: The Honourable Deborah Matthews, Minister  
Minister of Health and Long Term Care  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
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MPP Pickering-Scarborough East  
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April 2, 2013

Honourable Deb Matthews  
Ministry of Health and Long Term Care  
Hepburn Block  
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**RE: HOSPITAL PARKING CHARGES  
TOWNSHIP FILE NO. A-16 PGG**

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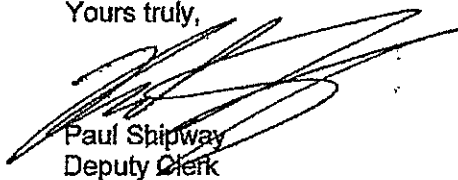
Please be advised that during the regular meeting of Council of March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the following motion was carried;

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Uxbridge support the request of John Hazelwood, Dan Horchik, Elizabeth Plashkes and Alan Powell re Hospital Parking Charges;

AND THAT the Township of Uxbridge request the Province of Ontario reduce and cap at a fair rate the parking charges at Ontario Hospitals, including Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

Should you have any further questions or concerns with respect to the above, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

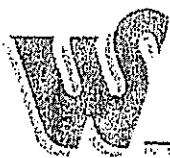


Paul Shipway  
Deputy Clerk

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cc: Honourable John O'Toole  
AMO  
Alan Powell





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March 18, 2013

Hon Deborah Matthews  
Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care  
10th Floor, Hepburn Block  
80 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2C4

RE: FAIR HOSPITAL PARKING CHARGES

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on December 18, 2012.

It was the decision of the Council, at that time, to pass the following resolution:

THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville hereby request that the Province of Ontario reduce and cap at a fair rate the parking charges at Ontario Hospitals, including Markham Stouffville Hospital.

Yours truly,

Gillian Angus-Traill  
Council Coordinator

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