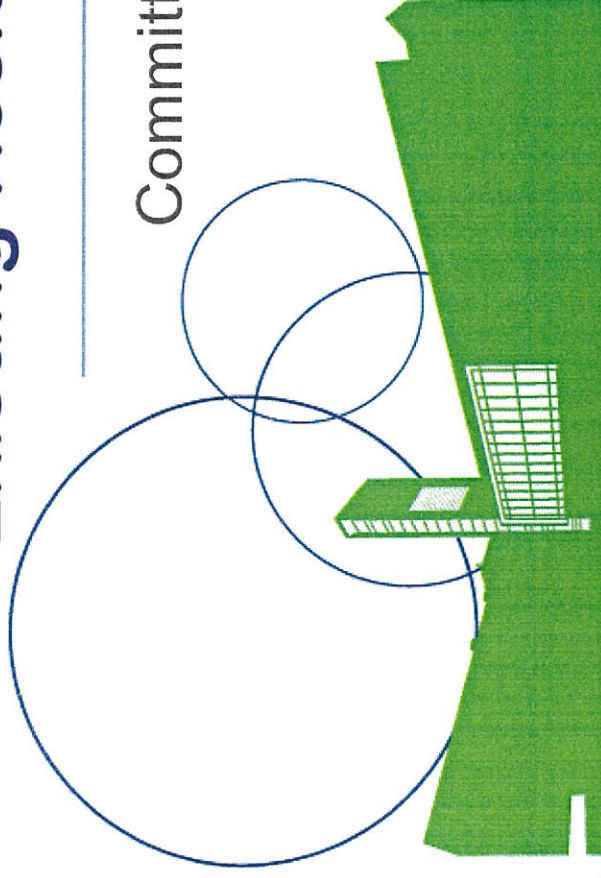


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Item 3

Proposed Parking Strategy for Existing Residential Neighbourhoods

Committee of the Whole (Working Session)
May 21, 2014



Objective of Today's Presentation

- Present Committee with citizen feedback on proposed residential parking solutions
- Present elements of the revised proposed parking solutions for existing residential neighbourhoods
 - On lot parking
 - On street paid permit parking
- Seek Council direction to move forward on policies for
 - On lot parking
 - Community request for on street paid permit parking



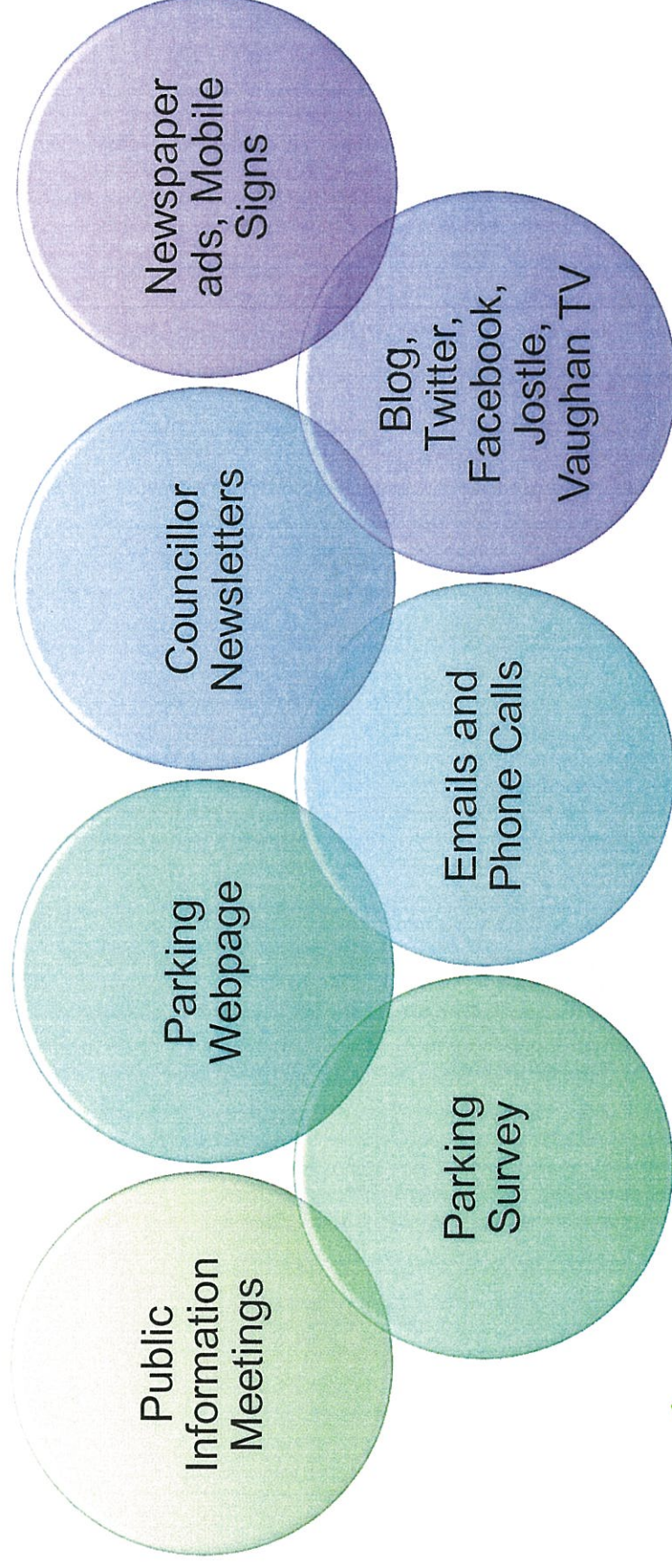
Background

- December 10, 2013 Council report directed staff to engage Vaughan's citizens for feedback on two proposed parking solutions
- The original report suggested only looking at 'New Urbanism' areas
- Committee directed all streets be considered which would be interested
- Today staff are reporting the results of the citizen engagement and recommendations for next steps for residential parking



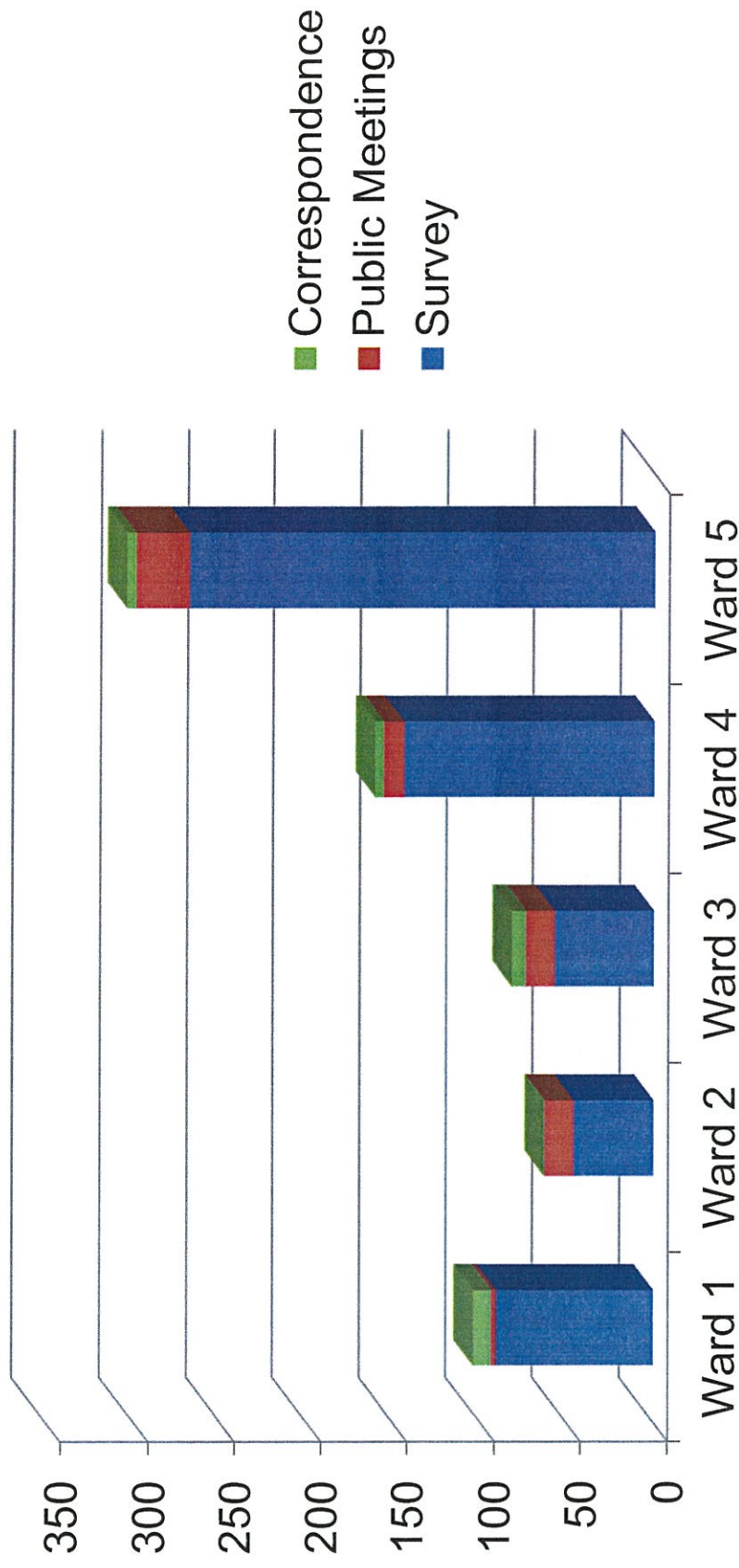
Citizen Engagement Strategy

Theme: Let's talk about Residential Parking



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Participation in Public Meetings, Surveys and Correspondence



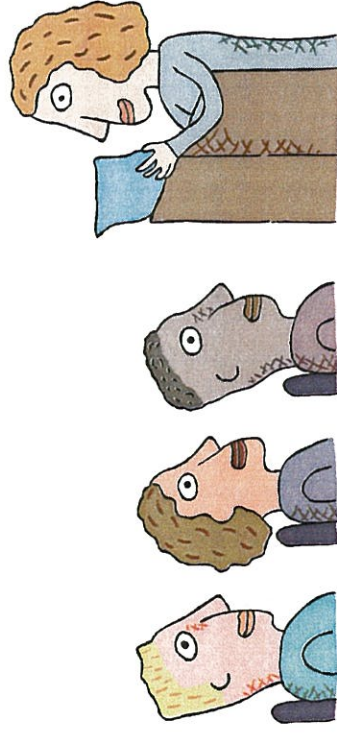
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Citizen Engagement

- Attendance at public meetings was impacted by snow storm and busy lives
- People would rather call, email, or use survey



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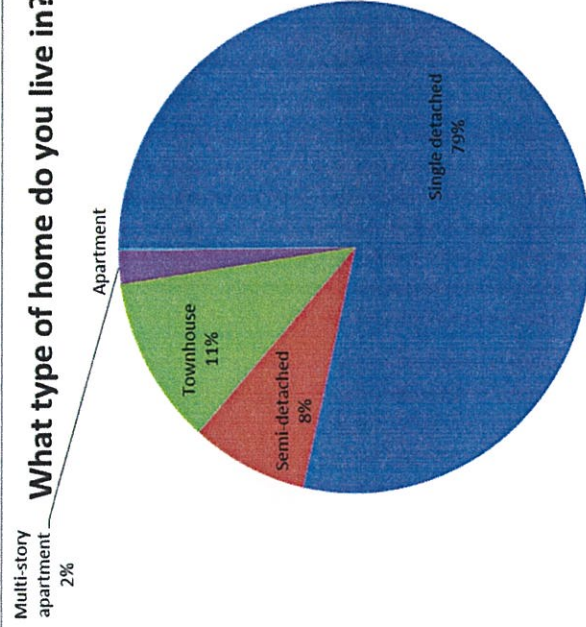


Type of home indicated on survey reflects Vaughan communities

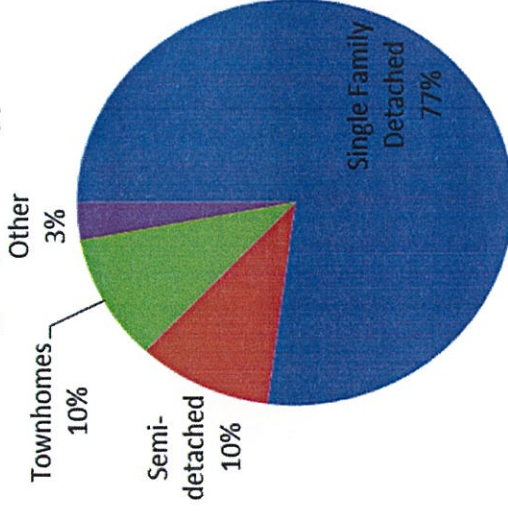
Survey participants

Vaughan MPAC data 2013

What type of home do you live in?

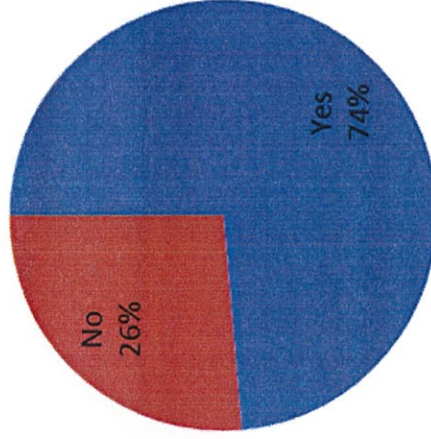


Home Types (MPAC - approximate)



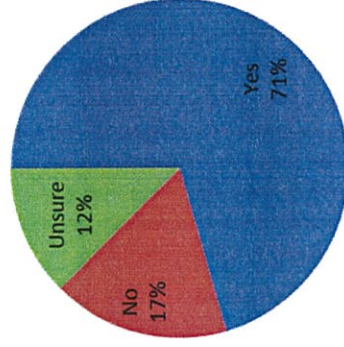
Parking Needs from Survey

Do you believe you have enough parking on your property for the members of your household?

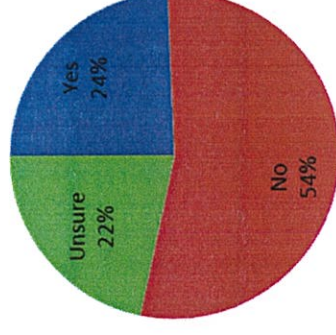


Focusing on those who felt they didn't have enough parking

Percent support for on-lot parking, where answer to 'enough parking' was 'no'

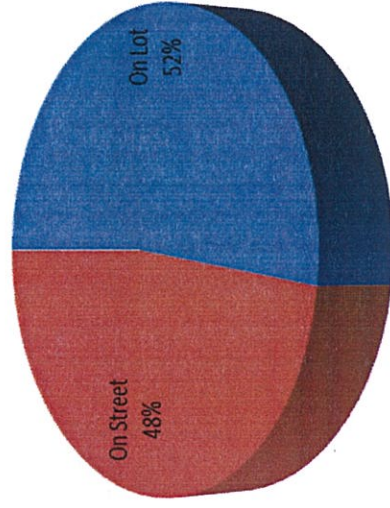


Percent Support for On-Street Parking where answer to 'enough parking' was 'no'

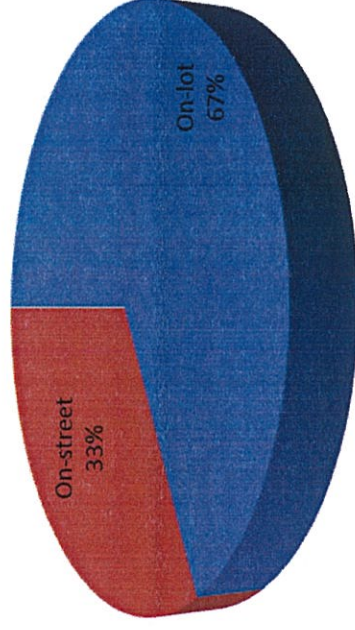


Types of homes and support for extra parking

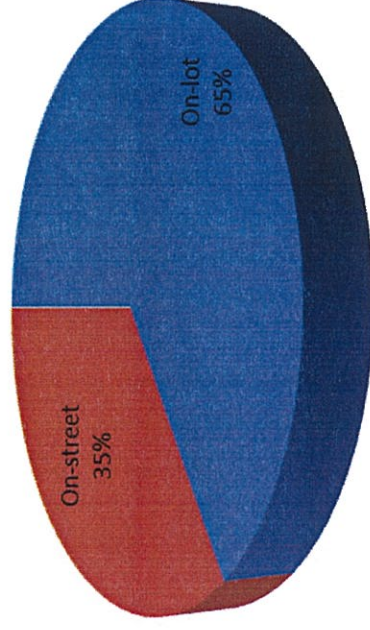
Townhouse



Single Detached



Semi Detached



From those who did not support parking options, feedback was consistent

On Lot	On Street
Look like a paving lot Ruin street character Enforcement	Streets are already congested with parked cars Impact on winter snow operations Enforcement Strangers parked in front of the home
General Comments of non-support	
People need to clean out their garage People need to buy a home which will accommodate their cars People will buy more cars if there are more places to park them	

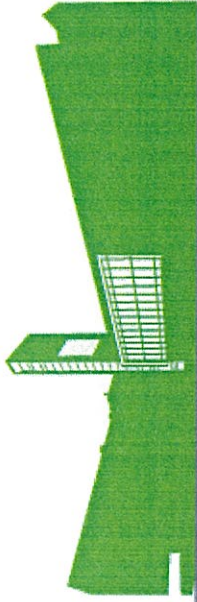


On Lot Parking

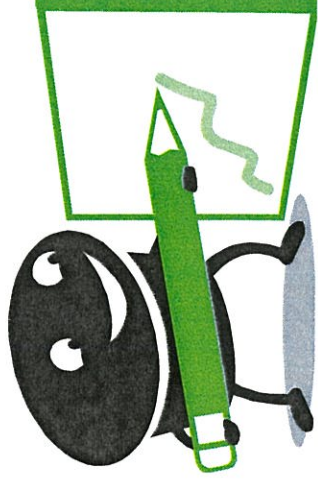


On Lot Parking Feedback

- Generally positive response – people said it was a great idea
- Concerns:
 - property values
 - need to control material used for walkway for stormwater runoff and aesthetics
 - ensure green space is preserved
 - parking lot look to the street



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New Proposed Parking Solutions

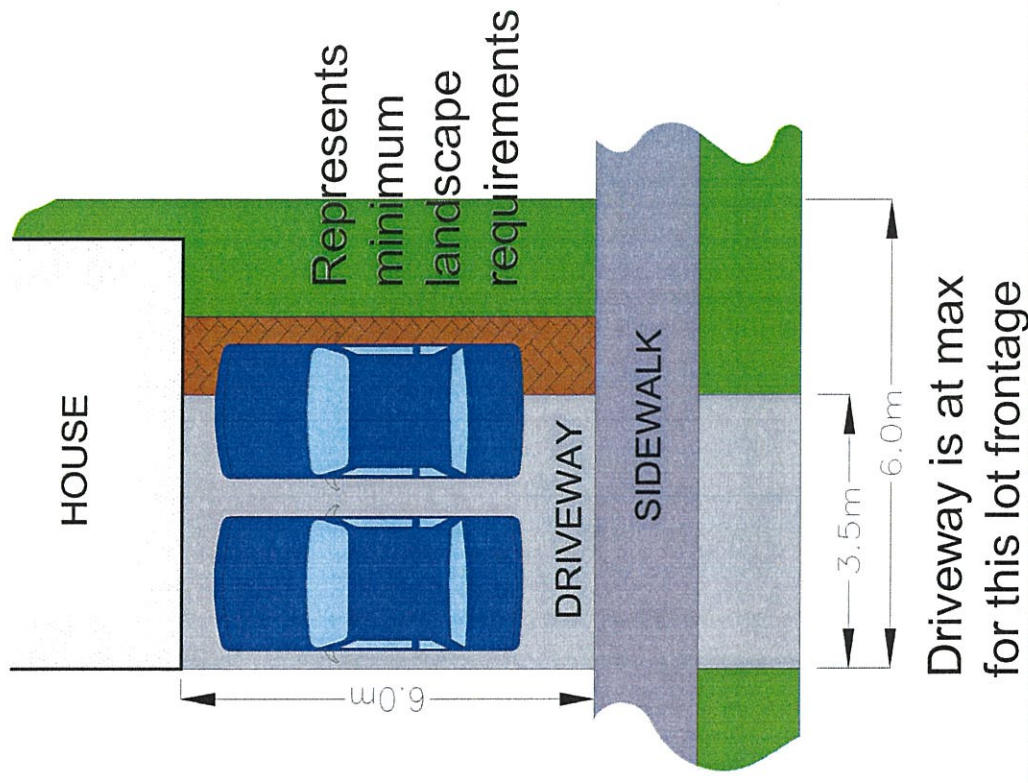
On-Lot Parking

No Change:

- Maximum curb cuts and driveway widths for frontages
- Minimum landscaping requirements for soft and hard landscaping
- Committee of Adjustment process

Proposed Change:

Allow parking on walkway
Permeable paving guidelines to be encouraged

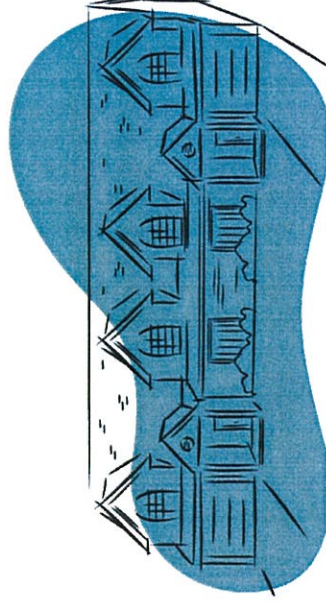


Draft Guidelines for On Lot Parking

- Urban Design Guidelines Objectives
 - Preserve the existing streetscape character
 - Promote pedestrian friendly and sustainable neighbourhood streetscapes
 - Integrate high quality landscaping and environmentally sustainable design



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On Street Parking



On Street Paid Permit Parking Feedback

General

- Comments and survey results show limited support due to:
 - narrow road widths and already congested streets,
 - impact of winter operations, garbage trucks and fire
 - visibility
- Many suggestions to limit parking to one side of the street



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On Street Paid Permit Parking Feedback

Specific

- No commercial vehicles
- Limit parking to one side of the street only
- Location of parking
- Permit valid only for time between 2 am and 6 am
- One permit per household
- Permit available for one month and one year
- High percentage for permit petition support
- Enforcement is key
- Permits must not be able to be copied
- Not applied City-wide but only where wanted by residents

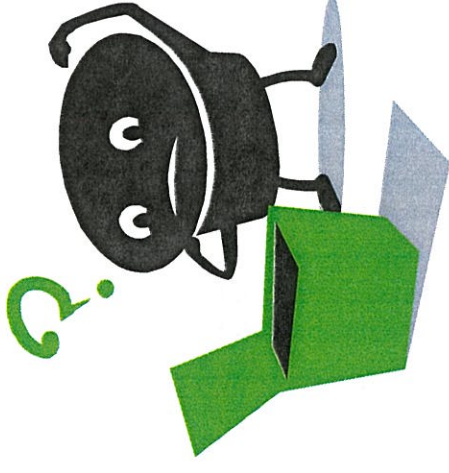
Elements of a Potential On Street Paid Permit Program

- Determined in consultation with citizens
 - 75% participation on petition/75% approval of on street paid permit parking (similar with traffic calming policy)
 - Applies to the time between 2 am and 6 am
 - One side of the street available for parking
 - Street widths are equal to or more than 8 metres wide
 - One permit per household
 - Permits sold = number of spots available



Questions regarding a Potential On Street Paid Permit Program

- To Be Determined
 - Who signs the petition? Home owner or tenant? Both?
 - Secondary suites impact
 - When there is high density on one side of the street, how does the petition process change?



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Parking Enforcement

- Many comments at the public meetings and in surveys focused on enforcement
- Currently By-Law and Compliance tow when there are immediate unsafe conditions
- By-law and Compliance will be working on a Parking Enforcement Strategy



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Parking Enforcement – Survey Results

The City of Vaughan will be developing an enforcement strategy to support the existing parking policy. Currently, vehicles that are parked illegally are issued a parking ticket. Would you support towing as a level of enforcement:

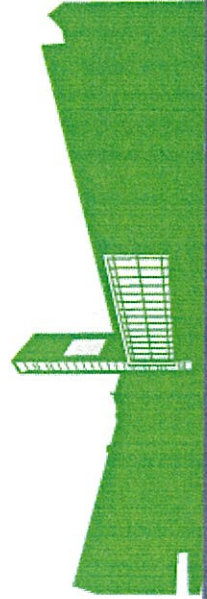
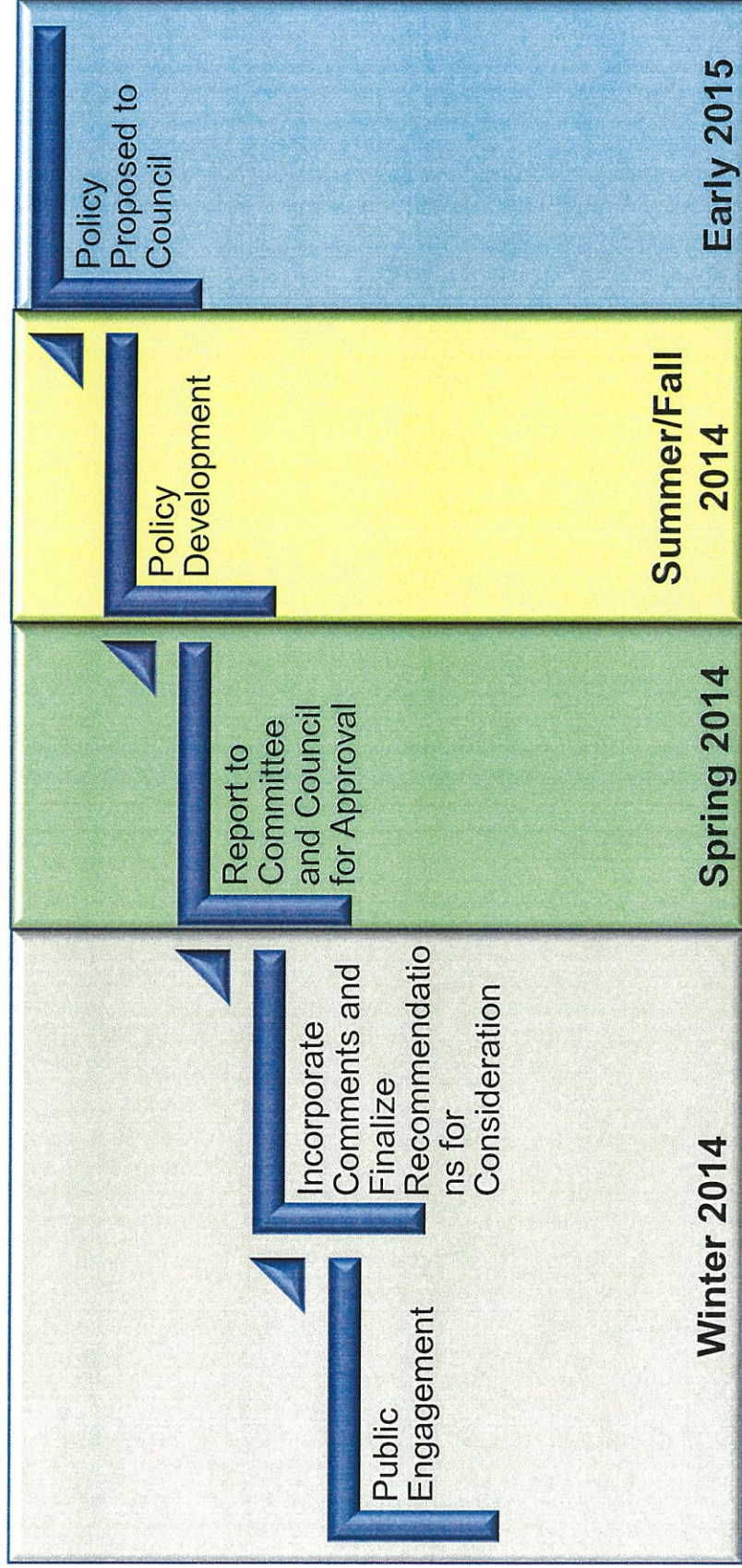
Answer Options	Yes	No	Undecided
Where it impacts winter snow operations?	426	128	26
Where it impacts safety (emergency vehicles)?	501	59	20
In school zones?	361	164	53



Next Steps



Timeline



Questions?



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