

Aurora shouldn't be so hostile to commuters: Downtown resident

(Re: Commuter Parking Moving Northward concerns Council, neighbours, July 14)

I have lived in Olde Aurora for over 19 years.

I live a block from Yonge Street, a block from the library (then and now) and the Church Street School, and within two blocks of at least five different buildings that host Sunday morning services and have limited or no parking facilities.

I also live within two blocks of Town Park and have used it regularly over the years. My street was listed in the article as one that would have its parking restricted during the day.

I don't understand why we are being so hostile to our neighbours in Aurora and South Newmarket who take the GO Train. We want people to use mass transit and not drive one to a car into Toronto every day.

Our representatives have been calling for all day train service for years.

How can people take the train if they can't get to it?

Why can't the commuters park on the residential streets around the train station?

What harm does it do to have cars on these streets during the day?

I know that my street is much safer when it is lined with parked cars as all the drivers slow down.

I completely understand why parking spaces at Town Park should be available to park users throughout the day. Why can't commuters use the other streets? We say we want people in Aurora's town core; we should stop making it so hard for them to come here.

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