

July 20, 2000

Joe Halstead
Commissioner
Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
Toronto City Hall
8th Floor, East Tower
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON
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Dear Mr. Halstead,

RE: Extension of Parking Meter Hours of Operation – Impacts on small business and residential neighbourhoods

I am writing to forward a letter from Timmi Stein of Macdonell Photography, located at 278 Eglinton Avenue. Please find that letter attached.

As you will see from the letter, Ms. Stein is concerned about the impacts of the many changes in the Eglinton Avenue and Avenue Road area, especially with the increases in parking fines, aggressive parking enforcement, increased meter rates and the extended hours of operation of parking meters. I share Ms. Stein's concerns about the potential and real negative impacts of these changes on our small retail strips. Compounded with the potential sky-rocketing commercial property tax rates these changes could sound the death knell for the City's core area.

Would you please provide Ms. Stein and me with any information you have about the potential impacts on our small commercial strips of all these changes and specifically on the Eglinton Avenue and Avenue Road area. This matter is of the utmost importance as it deals with, in my opinion, real economic development and the looming crisis for small businesses in this City.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Walker
Councillor - North Toronto
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