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Mayor Lisa Helps & City Council City of Victoria 1 Centennial Square Victoria, B.C. V8W 1P6

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Dear Mayor and Council,

At our July Board meeting we reviewed the staff report dated July 15<sup>th</sup>, *Proposed Adjustments to Parking Fees*. While parking and parking fees often elicits robust responses from the public, we noted in the report that volumes have increased to the point where turnover of vehicles is being impacted.

Our members have identified that street parking can be challenging for our businesses if cars are allowed to park all day. Access to their business is negatively impacted. Most of our businesses are located within 5 minutes of one of the cities parkades and serve the public well for longer trips downtown. Street parking works best for those looking to make quick trips to visit a particular shop or restaurant.

Therefore, based on the data in the report, and feedback from our members we have no objection to the recommendations made in the report.

ours truly,

Executive Director