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Dear Pamela,

Thank you for the heads up on this.

I am immensely concerned by this as we will lose de facto 50% of our visitor parking. As you know, we currently have a very limited number of parking spots available for visitors and need these desperately. It was one of the reasons why we wanted to include two levels of parking in our future collection storage building at the back in the future.

Our pay parking lot features only 30 spots in total. Of these, 9 are reserved for Royal BC Museum volunteers, leaving only 21 for the public.

A moderate amount of street parking is available on this block:

- \* North side: 4 regular street-parking spots plus 1 wheelchair spot
- \* West: 22 regular street-parking spots plus 1 wheelchair spot
- \* East: 7 street-parking spots (limited to 1 hr only)
- \* South: no parking

Adding to this scarcity, with construction crews busy developing the block north of the Legislative Assembly, some nearby private pay parking lots have disappeared in recent months. The closest private pay parking appears to be a U-Parking lot on Quebec Street, 800 metres away (a 10 minute-long walk). For people with mobility issues, this distance can be a challenge.

The nearest City of Victoria parkade is the View St. parkade, 750 metres away. The Yates St. parkade, also a City of Victoria property, is 800 metres away.

Visitor feedback received on customer comment cards often identifies the lack of nearby parking as a significant inconvenience for visitors to the Royal BC Museum. Eliminating any of our already-thin parking options would heighten the hurdle for our visitors, quite likely impacting our admission numbers and a resulting loss of revenue.

Would be able to forward my concern to the City's Director of Planning?

Thank you so much,  
Yours,

Jack

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