

To Mayor Krog and Nanaimo City Council,

More Homes Canada is a coalition of pro-housing advocacy groups from across the country. We've recently learned of the draft motions put forward by Strong Towns Nanaimo on the elimination of mandatory parking mandates in the City of Nanaimo, and we wish to express our support.

Parking minimums add significant expense to new housing. Surface parking requires homebuilders to purchase more land or build fewer units, while underground parking can cost as much as \$120k per stall. These costs are passed down to the eventual owners or renters of these buildings, regardless of their vehicle storage needs.

Decades of research and countless case-studies around the world have shown that mandatory parking mandates stifle housing development and increase shelter costs. Nanaimo's most recent vacancy rate was roughly 2.6%¹, further highlighting the need to build more housing. Residents are being priced out of their community; the most vulnerable in Nanaimo pay the price for auto-dependency.



We support the proposed motion to fully eliminate mandatory parking mandates within the City of Nanaimo. It would be great to see Nanaimo join the countless cities and regions across North America that have taken this step to improve housing affordability.

– More Homes Canada

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¹ <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/local-news/state-of-nanaimo-economy-report-shows-too-many-residents-are-just-getting-by-7350718>