Dear Mayor and Council members:

This letter comes to you from concerned community members who have organized several local events over the years and currently use Bayview Park. We are all well aware of how unique and special Bayview Park is. The location, expansive views and sense of community is welcoming for all.

Lack of parking continues to present significant issues especially for those with mobility issues. Todays request is regarding paid parking for non residents

During special events such as Music in the Park (24th year) and the South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival and other special events we are asking for the parking fee be waived. Many participants from out of town (including speakers, vendors, performers would not have access to a parking pass)

There are no admission fees for these events, but \$10 an hour to park and a penalty fee if their vehicle is not registered – \$80

The streets surrounding the tennis court area on Bay Street East have two signs asking for payment – the area is not designated as a municipal parking lot according to the town website and there are no designated parking lines. If a vehicle parks in front of a sign it is very difficult for others to know that signs are there and especially with the length of the two streets surrounding this area.



Town Webpage - To pay for parking, scan the <u>QR code</u> on the Paid Parking signs located throughout the parking lots to access the <u>HonkMobile</u> app. If you cannot access the app, please call 519-599-3131 ext 9001 to make a payment.

However these signs do not show a phone number and we do know there are a number of people who do not have smartphones and others who do not have a data plan.



We also understand these streets will undergo major construction next year and some of the issues will be addressed.

Until then we would ask that people can park without a fee and enjoy the summer activities.

Thank you

Linda Wykes, Catherine Smart