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**To:** Richmond City Council  
**From:** Mayor Malcolm Brodie  
Chair, General Purposes Committee  
**Re:** **PAY PARKING IN MINORU PARK**

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**Date:** February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2002  
**File:** 6455-05-01

The General Purposes Committee, at its meeting held on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002, considered the attached report, and recommends as follows:

**Committee Recommendation (Cllr. Howard opposed)**

*That those parts of the Parking Revenue recommendations in Resolution No. R02/1-18 (adopted on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2002), that add the balance of the Minoru parking lots to the pay-parking inventory, be abandoned.*

Mayor Malcolm Brodie, Chair  
General Purposes Committee

Attach.

DATE: February 14, 2002

TO: **RICHMOND CITY COUNCIL**

FROM: **COUNCILLOR EVELINA HALSEY-BRANDT**

RE: **PAY PARKING IN MINORU PARK**

Council is currently in the process of determining the 2002 budget. During this process Council is examining various options for increasing revenues from sources other than just property taxes. One of those options was the introduction of pay parking into areas where it is currently not in place.

Council, at its regular meeting on January 14, 2002, adopted a staff report that dealt with the issue of Parking Revenue. One of those recommendations added the balance of Minoru parking lots to the pay-parking inventory. I, along with Councillors Greenhill and McNulty voted against that part of the resolution.

There isn't a parking management problem at Minoru Park. The decision to introduce pay parking was strictly a cash grab. I believe that the relatively small amount of revenue that will be generated by including the balance of the parking lots in Minoru Park to the pay parking inventory does not justify proceeding with that decision. In addition, the high volume turnover of the lots serving the arenas, swimming pool, senior centre, the library and arts and cultural centre have a captured number of users for a relatively short duration. The proposed parking fees/tax will be a great frustration to these patrons.

That part of the report, which deals with Minoru parking lots, was referred back to staff for further study and is expected back before Council once that study is complete. This means that the proposal to add the balance of the parking lots in Minoru to the pay parking inventory is still very much alive, regardless of the time frame for the completion of that study.

Since that meeting, at which council passed the recommendations, the public has been very vocal in their opposition to pay parking in Minoru Park. The extremely high level of opposition that this issue has drawn from all segments of our population has demonstrated a need for Council to re-examine that decision.

Therefore before any further staff resources or money are spent pursuing a strategy that does not have the support of the public I am recommending the following:

1. That Council abandon those parts of the Parking Revenue recommendations in R02/1-18 (adopted on January 14, 2002) that add the balance of Minoru parking lots to the pay-parking inventory.
2. That Council resolve not to introduce pay parking into public parks or public recreational areas without first holding a public meeting to give the residents of Richmond an opportunity to have their opinion heard.



COUNCILLOR EVELINA HALSEY-BRANDT