

# Additional Attachment

## Public input correspondence emails

Thu 12/13/2018

Hi Phillip,

I don't believe we've met yet. I'm a new City employee (I started less than 2 months ago as the new BTVStat Analyst in the I&T Department). I'm also a parent at Burlington Children's Space (BCS) on North Winooski Ave. The Director, Sarah Adams-Kollitz, informed parents today that DPW is considering updating the parking in front of the childcare facility and shared your contact information for us to send comments.

I just wanted to voice my support for improving the parking regulations in front of the building – I'm unsure of the spots directly surrounding the center are residential permits or open parking, but from the perspective of someone who uses the center on a daily basis, I can attest to how dangerous it is pulling out of the parking lot. When a cars are parked in the spots adjacent to the driveway into the parking lot it's nearly impossible to see on-coming traffic in either direction. With so many families transporting little ones to and from school at this location, it's definitely a major cause for concern. Any improvements the City can make to ensure parking in front of the building is safe and more convenient for families at BCS would be much appreciated.

Many thanks for your consideration and hope to meet you soon in a more official capacity.

Kind Regards,

Carolyn Felix

Thu 12/13/2018

Hi Phillip,

My partner and I are parents of a child at Burlington Children's Space (BCS), we own the home in which we reside on Hyde street, we own a store and apartment building on N. Willard, and I work for the State. Needless to say, we are active citizens who love the Old North End, and are excited about many of the City's improvements over the past few years.

In considering the possibility of two short term parking spaces in front of BCS for morning and afternoon drop offs, it is important to note that the lack of convenient parking in front of the BCS building forces families to either park on the other side and cross a busy street, or use a parking lot entrance/exit that is tight, and often overlooked by oncoming traffic.

Often there is a large truck and trailer parked close to the entrance/exit driveway. In fact, this morning (12/13) my car and another parent's came close to clipping the trailer's bed, as it was encroaching on the driveway. I imagine the truck belongs to Dolan's (who we love to use for auto repair!) but it is not a good place for the vehicle in the morning or evening.

Add to the mix street-narrowing snow banks, morning rush-hour traffic in messy weather, the queues and unpredictable activity around the Food Shelf, a new restaurant (Taco Gordo), and whatever developments happen in the future in the empty auto parts building, and you can see how a couple of short-term spots, on the BCS side would be helpful in alleviating the danger at busy times by providing a simpler, more visible option for accessing the building.

Lastly, I appreciate my proximity to BCS, and I often walk my child to school. But for most families this isn't an option, and on many occasions, I have chosen to don a rain coat than drive to drop off or pick up.

Thanks for being available to accept comments, and we support your thoughtful consideration of this improvement.

Best,

Brian Guy

Thu 12/13/2018

Hello,

I have a child that goes to Burlington Children's Space and would greatly appreciate the short-term parking in front of the building.

Thank you,

Michael Felix

Thu 12/13/2018

Dear Mr. Peterson-

Thanks for your consideration of the addition of two short term parking spots in front of 241 N Winooski Ave. This is the location of the Burlington Children's Space (BCS) school and I am one of the Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors at BCS and a parent of a child who attended the school.

The addition of two short term parking space in front of this building would make the drop off and pick up of children at this school much safer and easier. There are often large vehicles parked in these spots for days at a time and it makes pulling out of the school driveway dangerous as one often has to blindly pull out of the drive into the road. In addition, there are a range of times for drop off in the morning and pick up in the afternoon, and having some short term parking would make it easier for parents and caregivers who spend a brief amount of time at the school to find street parking.

Let me know if you would like more information.

Julie Dumas

Thu 12/13/2018

Hi,

I'm writing in regards to the safety of our children and families as well as access. I urge you to consider reserving spaces outside of the Burlington children's space for children and families to have safe access to the building as well as to have easier accessibility and visibility driving in and out of the driveway. There are many times in a week I have to pull and inch out into the street to see if there is oncoming traffic because my visibility is blocked by cars parked on the left side of the driveway (side closest to riverside ave)... and inching out into oncoming traffic we are in harms way each and every time. Please consider also making the spaces to the left a no parking zone while reserving the spaces on the right for Bcs children and families.

Thank you,

Kelly Morrison Borsellino

Thu 12/13/2018

I fully support the proposed short term parking space at Burlington Children space on North Winooski Ave. this will aid drop off and pick up at our awesome early learning facility.

Thank you

Jo

Thu 12/13/2018

hi philip,

i am a preschool teacher at bcs and i fully support there being 15 minute parking out front. this would create two more available parking spaces for both pick up and drop off. the back lot gets very full, and becomes dangerous when there are so many young children coming in and out. thank you for considering my input.

emma redden

Thu 12/13/2018

Hi Phillip,

We would like to express our full support of two short term parking spaces in front of the McClure Multi Gen building on N. Winooski. Boy of our boys attended Burlington Children's Space and we have spent more than six years coming and going from this building twice a day, five days per week.

The shortage of available parking spots due to neighborhood businesses using the street for long term parking leads to dangerous and chaotic drop offs. We have on many occasions struggled to find a safe place to to unload small children. Furthermore we have had several near misses trying to pull out of the back lot, when large vehicles (tow trucks, sometimes a logging truck) are parked in front of the building very close to the driveway, making visibility of on coming traffic very limited.

We strongly encourage the city to assign spots on N. Winooski Avenue for short term parking so that we can all stay safe!

Thank you,

Annika & Jens Hawkins-Hilke

Fri 12/14/2018

Hello! I have a child who goes to Burlington children's space and I understand it is being considered to put two short term parking spaces in front of the building. I think this is a great idea and will greatly improve safety at pick up and drop off, as leaving the driveway is very difficult due to lack of visibility. I hope you consider approving this request. Thank you!

Lena Szumowski

Hyde St

## Public input correspondence phone calls

Thu 12/16/2018

Associate Engineer Phillip Peterson received a phone call from Sarah, a North Winooski Avenue resident. Sarah is in favor of the proposed 30-minute parking spaces.

Philip Peterson  
City of Burlington  
Department of Public Works

December 16, 2018

Dear Mr. Peterson:

My name is Howard Dolan and I am the owner of Dolans Auto at 250 North Winooski Avenue. I recently received your letter regarding the request from 241 North Winooski Avenue proposing the modification of two existing spaces. The request is to make these spaces between 7:30-9:30 am and 3:30-5:30 pm time limited to 30 minutes Monday-Friday. According to the letter I received the reason for this change is to "improve the safety of the children and families of the Burlington Children's Space". I am wondering why it would be safer to drop of children on North Winooski Avenue which is incredibly busy rather than in the parking lot attached to the building which is so much safer?

As the owner of Dolan's Auto as well as a resident of this location for over 40 years I am not in favor of this change. At this point there are already so many no parking signs that there is very little parking for anyone who lives in this area. In addition, for children to be dropped off on a street in a designated truck route seems like a very dangerous proposal. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Thank you,

Howard Dolan