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Subject: [External] Proposed Daycare Harwood Ave Parking Comments

Good afternoon,

I recently reviewed the agenda for yesterday's Council meeting regarding the proposed daycare moving into the space formerly occupied by Firefly Restaurant on Harwood Ave.

As a parent who drops off my child at St. John's, I wanted to share that the traffic report appears to significantly underestimate the current parking and traffic challenges during drop-off hours. The public lots are often full, and finding on-street parking is already difficult. Many cars currently park for 15 minutes or less between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m., so the proposed parking requirements would likely have little to no practical impact. This morning the largest public lot was almost full by 7:15am. The large increase in traffic could be very dangerous to our children.

It's also important to note during the winter months, the Hart Park lot is unavailable due to the Christmas market setup, which further reduces parking capacity.

Thank you for taking these factors into consideration when reviewing the plans.

Thanks.

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