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To: Meghan Townsend <mtownsend@townofgrandvalley.ca>

Subject: School parking issues

Good morning Meghan,

My name is Nathan Durham, my son attends the Grand Valley District Public school, as of last week By-law informed me that they would begin issuing tickets for parents parking on the road to drop off their children on Rainey Drive.

I think issuing tickets to parents just trying to drop off their children is a whole other issue for a slight disruption in traffic for approximately 15-20 minutes a day, quite a heinous response in my opinion, however instead of emailing you to just complain I figured I would offer a solution.

If possible, I would suggest expanding the parking area on the south side of Rainey to allow for more parents to park temporarily while we drop off our kids.

After speaking with bylaw again this morning, his suggestion was that I park at the community center to drop off my child. My child is 4 years old and I don't intend on walking him an additional 300 meters in whatever negative degree temperature it is on that given day. If this were a summer time issue I would understand, however I was made aware that this issue only started during the winter time. As I understand the parking could obstruct plowing operations, my suggestion to that would be to not have the plows go there between 815 am to 915 am and between 230 pm and 330 pm. As for other drivers being concerned with the obstructed traffic, I again believe its a very unreasonable problem to have for a slight disruption throughout the day.

If the above suggestion of expanding the area is not an acceptable solution, my other suggestion would just be to allow parking on the south side of the street for 30 minute intervals. Again, these children that are being dropped off here are young, a lot of them, my own son included still require assistance in getting their winter gear off. I think it would be unreasonable to expect parents to just send their Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten children away alone strictly to avoid getting a ticket. Our children need our help and if it comes to paying a small ticket so my child knows I'll be there for him, so be it, however unreasonable it may be.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out either via email or phone at

Thank you for your time,

Nathan Durham