

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** December 20, 2022 9:36 AM  
**To:** Jaynes, Janet <[jjaynes@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:jjaynes@cityofkingston.ca)>  
**Cc:** Sullivan, Iain <[isullivan@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:isullivan@cityofkingston.ca)>  
**Subject:** Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee  
**Importance:** High

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Dear members of the Committee:

I would like to once again ask for the city of Kingston to consider putting forth a recommendation of a change, that being to the city bylaws regarding APP (Accessible Parking Pass) accessible parking locations within the city. As such I ask for the committee to consider supporting a change to the bylaws.

Most cities, and many towns, in Ontario allow free parking for APP holder (Accessible Parking Pass). In most cities that represents at least 3 hrs or to the maximum of their pay and display or meter, but in many all but unlimited is offered. Most allow it in any municipal lot or street parking space, many allow it in more locations including some no parking locations. In Toronto an individual with an APP can park almost anywhere safe to do so for as long as they want for free. I would suggest that the city should recognise how hard it is for a mobility challenged person to get out of a vehicle, go to a machine and get a pass, return to the vehicle and post it, then get on with their trip. It is amplified many times over for those that require a wheel chair with hoist or lift, and may actually take 10 min or so for each of those steps.

Just some of the cities with free parking for APP (disabled parking pass) holders: Toronto, Mississauga, Burlington, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Hamilton, St Catharines, Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Cornwall, London, Brampton, and the list goes on and on and on. In fact, almost all cities and a great many towns offer this in ON and Canada and around the world. However "GLARINGLY ABSENT" is Kingston Ontario. In the first capitol city of this country those with disability and mobility challenges are just not given proper consideration. Being disabled and or mobility challenged cost one so very much more in funds, but all so in that which we value most in life TIME.

I do have more than a little first-hand experience in this, and what might be considered a unique perspective. As I was once an international level athlete, then spent over 3 years disabled in the late 90's, then was able-bodied again, but will face disability again in my life. As such I would be happy to address the committee and or answer any questions from any members.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,  
Michael Judd

From: Home office of Michael Judd  
20 Dunkirk Ave, Kingston, ON  
Cell and txt: [REDACTED]  
Linkedin: [www.linkedin.com/in/michael-judd-1077868](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-judd-1077868)  
FB: [www.facebook.com/michaeljudd4u](https://www.facebook.com/michaeljudd4u)

IG: [www.instagram.com/michaeljudd4u/](https://www.instagram.com/michaeljudd4u/)

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** February 15, 2023 5:42 PM

**To:** 'Jaynes,Janet' <[jjaynes@cityofkingston.ca](mailto:jjaynes@cityofkingston.ca)>

**Subject:** Mayor Peterson and Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thank you Janet.....

Below is a part of some recent communications with MPP Ted Hsu, and enclosed is a letter From MPP Hsu to Mayor Paterson and the Kingston City Council. Could you please see that Mayor Peterson, Council, and the MAAC members.... in particular the parking project team receive them? Could you also please relay that I am open to discuss the matter with any that wish? Please feel free to share my contact information with them.

Best regards,  
Michael

Many cities allow free parking for APP holder (Accessible Parking Pass), most for at least 2-3 hrs and many all but unlimited. Most allow it in any municipal lot or street parking space, many allow it in more locations including some no parking locations. In Toronto an individual with an APP can park almost anywhere safe to do so for as long as they want for free. In cities that do not; they need to realize how hard it is for a mobility challenged person to get out of a vehicle, go to a machine and get a pass, (if even possible in a chair in the snow), return to the vehicle and post it, then get on with their trip. It is amplified many times over for those that require a wheel chair, and may actually take 10 min or so for each of those steps.

Some of the cities with free parking for APP (disabled parking pass) holders: Toronto, Mississauga, Burlington, Niagara Falls, Ottawa, Hamilton, St Catharines, Windsor, Sarnia, Sault Ste Marie, Cornwall, London, Brampton, and the list goes on and on and on. In fact, almost all cities and a great many towns offer this in ON and Canada and around the world. However, "GLARINGLY ABSENT" is Kingston Ontario, and a few others..... As well as any sort of uniformity to it supported by the Government of Ontario. In the first capitol city of this country those with disability and mobility challenges are just not given proper consideration, and a lack of direction from the province leave many with greater challenges in life than necessary. Traveling in particular, with mobility challenges, can be so very difficult.

From: Home office of Michael Judd

Cell and txt: [REDACTED]

Linkedin: [www.linkedin.com/in/michael-judd-1077868](https://www.linkedin.com/in/michael-judd-1077868)

FB: [www.facebook.com/michaeljudd4u](https://www.facebook.com/michaeljudd4u)

IG: [www.instagram.com/michaeljudd4u/](https://www.instagram.com/michaeljudd4u/)

Youtube: [www.youtube.com/@michaeljuddworkingforyou4340](https://www.youtube.com/@michaeljuddworkingforyou4340)



## TED HSU, MPP

### KINGSTON AND THE ISLANDS | KINGSTON ET LES ÎLES

February 13, 2023

Mayor Bryan Paterson and City of Kingston Councillors  
Kingston City Hall  
216 Ontario St,  
Kingston, ON K7L 2Z3

Dear Mayor Paterson and Kingston City Council,

I am writing to you today to echo the concerns of constituent, Michael Judd, over the parking fees for people with disabilities who have an Accessible Parking Pass (APP). I would like to inquire about the possibility of removing these parking fees for APP holders.

According to the current municipal bylaws, Toronto, Mississauga, Ottawa, Hamilton, London, and other cities in Ontario, grant free parking for all APP holders at least to some degree.

Considering the burden and daily challenges people with disabilities face, I was wondering if City Council would consider granting free parking to APP holders in Kingston. Mobility issues for people with disabilities are especially amplified in the winter and they should not be worrying about how they will be paying for parking.

I would like to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Hsu".

Ted Hsu

Legislative Office  
111 Wellesley Street W.  
Suite 159 Toronto, Ontario  
M7A 1A2  
416-325-0051



[www.mpptedhsu.ca](http://www.mpptedhsu.ca)  
[tedhsu.mpp.co@ola.org](mailto:tedhsu.mpp.co@ola.org)

Constituency Office  
837 Princess Street, Suite 403  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7L 1G8  
613-547-2385