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Cc: Larry Hughsam
Subject: Fairview parking

I am writing regarding item #13 of the September 23 Library Board meeting.

When I renewed my subscription for Stage Centre Productions at Fairview Library this week, I was warned that the Library Board is trying to impose parking fees on Library users. This is wrong and must not be allowed to happen; here or at other Public Libraries. Most suburban Libraries are not within easy walking distance for many; particularly for seniors. We've paid through our taxes for the Library renovation, and now we'll have to pay every time we want to use it????

Paid parking will reduce Library usage and have a negative effect on theatre attendance as well. Stage Centre is suggesting parking at Fairview Mall instead. But will they allow this, or start ticketing and towing non-mall customers?

I have just found and read the Board Report and memo update from Marie. L Casista of Toronto Parking Authority to Larry Hughsam, and it seems that financially, installing and maintaining paid parking at Fairview Library does not make sense. If the goal is to discourage commuters from parking there, then just install a gate that doesn't open until the Library does in the morning. If paid parking is made available to commuters (those coming from the north will find it easier to access than the Mall parking), the lot will be unavailable to Library patrons for most of the day.

Please kill this pilot project.

Regards,
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