

2019 - 4 On-street Parking for Carshare Vehicles

Moved by: Peg City Car Co-op

Whereas: Peg City Car Co-op is the only carshare operator in Winnipeg, with over 30 vehicles and 1200 members. With carsharing providing more mobility options, and reducing vehicles on the road by 15-20 for every carshare vehicles in operation. Peg City Car Co-op currently relies on private parking arrangements to expand its fleet, which is a barrier to expansion, increases operating costs and is a hindrance to optimal fleet utilization.

Whereas: Providing on street parking is the national and global standard for carshare operators. Carsharing is a form of public transportation and should be recognized as such by the City of Winnipeg. By allowing on street parking, Peg City Car Co-op will have fewer barriers to expand, which means more growth and a reduction of private vehicles on city roads.

Whereas: The City of Winnipeg needs to amend its policies and/or by-law to allow designated or free-floating on street parking for carshare operators. And where other co-operatives can support another co-operative in its endeavour to improve carsharing policy in Winnipeg.

Whereas: The City of Winnipeg has committed to creating more sustainable communities within OurWinnipeg and other guiding documents.

Whereas: Peg City Car Co-op is a locally owned carshare company that provides alternatives to private automobile ownership, creating better mobility options, and saving individuals money. Carsharing allows people to use other modes of transport, while still having access to a vehicle from time to time.

Whereas: Carsharing data shows that for every carshare vehicle, 15-20 vehicles are taken off the road and that on average individuals reduce the amount of kilometres driven in an automobile, which reduces congestion and pollution.

Whereas: The average consumer spends \$8,000 a year on private automobile ownership, of which 80% leaves the local economy. The average carshare member spends \$1,500 a year on usage, which means potentially increased spending in the local economy and in the co-operative sector.

Be it Resolved That: The City of Winnipeg amend its policies and/or by-laws to implement an on-street parking program for carshare operators, which will promote the expansion of carsharing in Winnipeg.
