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Hi,

I have pasted a request below for a proposed presentation to the Transportation Committee on the Winter Parking Ban, ideally for their meeting at the end of November or later.

Please let me know if you require any more information.

All the best

Dan

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**Proposed Presentation**  
**Transportation Committee**  
Daniel Lametti  
North End resident

**Subject:** Winter Parking Ban

Many Halifax residents need a car for work or school, but they're forced to park on the street because they can't afford a driveway or parking space. This is a problem in the winter. After a large snowfall, Halifax bans street parking between 1AM and 6AM for essential snow clearing. Although this model is much better than the one it replaced, it's still problematic. Last winter, almost *four thousand* parking tickets were issued over just seven nights for parking ban violations. Such a large number of tickets suggests that many Halifax residents can't find off-street parking—presumably, people who cannot afford to rent a space or buy a house with a driveway. This problem—which has gotten worse with the housing crisis—not only impacts residents without driveways but it makes snow clearing harder.

In a short presentation to the Transportation Committee, I'll review problems with the winter parking ban and present actionable solutions to improve the ban used by other Canadian and US cities with similar freeze-thaw climates (such as St John's, NL and Portland, Maine).

**Desired outcome:** I'd like the Transportation Committee and/or Halifax Community Council to consider more equitable

versions of the winter parking ban that lessen the burden on residents while still allowing for effective snow clearing.

I appreciate that the Council has reviewed the parking ban several times over the last decade and made positive changes. But a better situation should not rule out the consideration of continued improvements. The number of tickets still issued each winter suggests that problems persist. Fixing these problems would not only help residents, but, with fewer cars on the street during snow clearing, it would aid removal crews.