

CoW July 18; 2023-125-RZ, 22527 Royal Crescent - bike parking

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Mayor and Council,

I'm quite pleased that the developer has increased the number of long-term bike parking spaces (from 24 required to 36 proposed) for this 6-storey apartment building with 94 market strata dwelling units.

Many residents of this apartment building right in the Town Centre will be able to access shops and services by active transportation, and they should be able to park their bicycles in secure, designated long-term bicycle parking.

59 out of the 96 units proposed are studio- and 1-bedroom apartments. It's quite likely that a good number of these will be for single households. More and more people these days aspire to live car-free, so it's quite likely that the number of car parking spaces provided will exceed the demand. I'm hoping that the new Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw will provide data on recent trends with regard to parking requirements and demand, both in Maple Ridge and in the region. I'm also looking forward to an increase in the required bike parking in the Town Centre, and an expansion of the bike parking requirements for all multi-family buildings (as well as commercial and industrial development) throughout the city.

Our HUB Local Committee continues to recommend a modest requirement of 1.25 bicycle parking spaces per unit, which is pretty much in line with what other comparable municipalities in Metro Vancouver are asking for (see HUB's report [Not Just Bike Racks](#)). Even with 36 long-term bike parking spaces provided in this apartment building, only about one in every three households in this apartment building will have access to 1 single bicycle parking space.

With kind regards,

Jackie Chow
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