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Hi Sunny,

Thank you for asking about bike/micro-mobility parking at last Tuesday's Council meeting for the development application for four mixed-use buildings with approx. 576 apartment units. It's very encouraging that the need for such facilities has been brought up multiple times already by the present Council!

The present [Off-street Parking and Loading Bylaw](#) continues to be in effect, which does not require any bike parking outside the Town Centre. See page 13, 10.4. So, even if no bike/micromobility parking is proposed for this development, Mr. Goddard was correct when he said at last night's meeting that the development meets the bylaw requirements for bike/micromobility parking.

Staff is working on updating the bylaw, including the bike/micromobility parking, which I believe will be brought before Council soon. However, since this development concerns a rezoning, Council can request bike/micro-mobility parking to be included.

Note that the bike parking requirements even in the Town Centre (1 space for every 4 units) are very low compared to other municipalities in Metro Vancouver. HUB Cycling completed research on long-term bike parking requirements a few years ago, which resulted in the report [Not Just Bike Racks](#). The research focussed primarily on Vancouver, but also looked at requirements in other Metro Vancouver municipalities (starting at p. 19).

In view of the rapid and drastic changes expected in our downtown and along the Lougheed Transit Corridor, and based on the above research, our HUB Local Committee have been recommending a requirement of 1.25 long-term bike parking spaces per unit for new multi-family developments.

On a side note: just recently, HUB Cycling published a report on the impact on cycling uptake when there is a lack of, or inadequate, bike storage facilities in older buildings in Metro Vancouver, which you can read about in this [press release](#), with links to an "At a Glance" overview and the report itself.

I have sent links to both reports to staff (attention Krista Gowan).

Best regards,

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