

**From:** [Chief administrative officer](#)  
**To:** [Nicole Claveau](#)  
**Cc:** "[Sacha Stevens](#)"  
**Subject:** FW: Parking space  
**Date:** February 10, 2025 12:34:45 PM

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Hi Nicole,

Please add it to the next Council Agenda meeting items.

Regards,  
Laala Jahanshahloo  
CAO/ TREAS  
Municipality of Temagami

**From:** Sacha Stevens [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** February 10, 2025 11:43 AM  
**To:** Chief administrative officer <CAO@Temagami.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Parking space

Please see below. I forgot to include you in the original message.

Thank you

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**From:** Sacha Stevens [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Mon, Feb 10, 2025 at 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** Parking space  
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Dear Mayor and council,

I am writing from [REDACTED] where my husband Scott and I Sacha Stevens have permanently lived for the past 4 1/2 years. We own white Pine cottage care and service our community all year long. The reason for this email is regarding parking spaces. When we moved here in October 2020 we were told that there would be a two year waiting list to get a parking spot. It's 4 1/2 years now... I have called the municipality office several times over the years, including recently, but I always get passed around. No one addresses it, and I get told there's no spots and that there's nothing that can be done.

As a small business owner on the lake, I know for a fact that so many properties have changed hands and I also know that the parking spots should not be given to the new property owners. These spots should have gone up for the next people in line not passed on to whom ever bought the property. Some people also have many spots. I am not sure if there's a limit per household, but I also don't

think that's fair if there is a limit. We have been paying our taxes here for almost 5 years and we do not have our parking spots. Also, last year in the winter, as we must always park at the Manitou, someone did a hit and run to my car and did \$5000 damage.

I should also add that these spots should be policed somehow. Perhaps create a position for a traffic officer to be checking on who is parked in what spot. I say this because I do know that there is a huge problem with that, especially in the summer with the visitors (NON TAX PAYERS) taking paid spots. The paid spot should be assigned by the make, and model and license plate in order to monitor this and people should be ticketed or vehicles removed by the municipality when they are not where they should be parked. It's a perfect situation to create a by-law officer job. Just like when you park at a university or hospital as an employee, you hang your parking pass from your rearview mirror. I think that's what the paid spots should have in order to visually see that they are where they should be. Perhaps there should be better signage for the visitors aswell (I know there is already a large sign, but it clearly isn't working. Perhaps it needs to be in fluorescent yellow, and more than one large one?)

When we first started our business, we were parking at the contractor landing, which was lovely however it very quickly filled up with seasonal/visitors, and there were no longer any spots left for us! We also cannot park there in the winter because they don't plow it.

I'm not sure why there were so many extra spots created at that end that are not assigned. Prime Parking spots for visitors while taxpayers park in the back 40 doesn't quite seem fair.

I do speak for many others as well, however, I truly believe that it is time for an audit : property owners versus assigned/paid spots. I hope that this can be done in a timely fashion as it is already been a very long wait for us.

I appreciate your time in listening to this matter and I thank you in advance for addressing this as I'm sure you will.

Kind regards

Sacha & Scott Stevens