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Q & A with Alex:

A lack of parking is a significant issue in some of Langley's neighbourhoods. Yet, in other areas, there is an overabundance of half-empty parking lots in other areas. Do you have any ideas to improve either of these issues? Do you support parking minimums in new development?

I do not think that parking minimums are the silver bullet that it is intended to be. Mandating any amount of real estate to be allocated for parking spots drives up the cost of building the home. Not all families have the same needs. Yes, street parking can be a nightmare for those that depend on it. My best solution is to institute a city-wide parking pass system that will help in a few ways. 1) It will assign a visible cost to users of public/street parking and this will influence behavior to pay the pass amount or to stop utilizing those spaces. 2) It will raise funds which can be dedicated to funding bylaw enforcement and maintaining those areas. 3) It will replace all the other patchwork, inconsistent, and sometimes unfair parking regulations we currently have across our municipality.