**Municipal Parking Lots and Structures in Surrey, BC**

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**What are the problems?** (**“Surrey Faces Unusual and Expensive Problem of Too Many Parking Spaces | CBC News.”)** (**“BIA Takes Issue with City's Parking Plan for Downtown Cloverdale -** **Surrey Now.” Leader) (“Big Rigs Continue to Cause Big Problems in Surrey.” CKNW, Global News)** (**“Surrey Council Approves on-Street Truck Parking Program - Surrey Now.”Leader,)**

Municipal Parking Lots and Structures is an issue that citizens are currently facing in Surrey, BC. Firstly, the construction of new parking spots makes it a huge issue in Surrey Central. *“It is an issue because of the skyrocketing house prices that add up about $30,000 to $40,000 per unit”*, says urban Development Institute President and CEO, Anne McMullin (CBC News). Secondly, only 20 to 25% is filled up with cars at any given time of day, in other parts of the city apart from downtown Cloverdale. *“It is an issue because more people will be moving into Cloverdale and it isn’t serviced by transit”*, according to the BIA. Thirdly, there are limited places where drivers park their truck all over the city of Surrey, BC. This is an issue because *“Land Prices have risen so much and no private developers want to invest in the land”*, according to Mandeep Nagra (Global News). Therefore, this makes it difficult for the truck parking in Surrey, BC. Overall, in Surrey, citizens are facing Municipal Parking Lots and Structures.

**What are the solutions?** (**“UPDATE: Surrey Council Votes to Bring Parking Enforcement in-House – Surrey)** (**“Do Cities Require Too Many Parking Stalls Be Built?”)**

* Reduce parking requirements in certain areas in Surrey, BC in a safe, efficient, and cost-effective way. This way, the conservatives are being a bit careful towards the change.
* At the parking pay stations, we should make the parking stations for every five minutes in a cautious manner. This way, it will cause the citizens to pay less money and many more people will be able to access it.
* Make sure selling parking stalls that are closest to transit are separated from apartments in a private manner in an affordable manner to general public.

**What are the counterpoints?** (**“What Are the Benefits of Lowering Taxes?” Bizfluent)**

* It is better because then we are focusing on changes that are most important in the economy, not just changes that will do extraordinarily little nor safe or effective.
* Less taxes are better because therefore, it will produce economic growth and businesses will have to work productively in order to receive their needs which will be better for the society.

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