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Dear Minister Thompson and Ms. Oldfield:

**Re: Parking at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre**

On behalf of Council and the Municipality of Colchester I am writing to express concern regarding the ongoing shortage of parking at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre. While this issue has been present since the facility first opened, it has now reached a critical stage where immediate action is required to ensure the safety of patients, staff, and visitors.

The lack of adequate parking has become a clear safety hazard. When individuals are unable to find designated spaces—often while rushing to attend medical appointments—they resort to parking in areas not intended for vehicle use. This creates dangerous congestion, interferes with the proper flow of traffic, and increases the risk of collisions for pedestrians and drivers alike. The situation is also disruptive to the efficient operation of the Health Centre. Security staff are routinely required to ask both patients and employees to move their vehicles, diverting resources and causing additional stress and delays for those seeking care or providing essential services.

Given the importance of safe and accessible health-care facilities, I respectfully urge the Department of Health and the Nova Scotia Health Authority to prioritize a review of the parking capacity at the Colchester East Hants Health Centre and work with local partners to identify a timely and effective solution. Whether through expansion of parking infrastructure, reconfiguration of existing space, or the development of alternative transportation supports, action is needed to address this growing concern.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued commitment to improving health-care access in our region.

Regards,



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Mayor

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