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Subject: PARKING AT MAITLAND VALLEY MEDICAL CENTRE

Mr. Mayor and Council Members:

I am plagiarizing, below in italics, some very valid comments made by another Citizen of Goderich. I am Voicing my Concerns in this format since I do not 'Do Well' at meetings and, in this instance, I would likely lose my composure and not speak in a civil manner.

I do not care about what may or may not be done in other small towns, My concern is, as should yours, be solely with Goderich.

"Here are my thoughts regarding Council's decision to explore a parking fee at the Maitland Valley Medical Center.

Rural municipalities are marginalized from an income perspective. With little opportunity for higher paying jobs.

The population of Goderich is comprised of 60% of individuals who are over 65 and on a fixed income. CPP only increased by 2.7% in 2025. This is an age group that is marginalized and directly harmed as they are a high user of the Center.

You cannot compare a town with a population of 8000 as if it was a City Center of 150,000. There is a larger population of working age that can sustain the cost.

Rural communities are exposed to a higher rate of food insecurity. Asking for a parking fee just increases this pressure.

User fees disproportionately impact lower income groups as they have to use more of their income. I disagree with this decision.

What can you do? Write an e-mail to your Councillor of choice rejecting the decision and ask for it to be placed on the agenda, You have voice"

Yours Truly,

Greg Jones