



Sign the Petition — Put Parking Hikes in Reverse!

We, the undersigned members of the Carleton Community, are writing to express our deep concern regarding the:

- Unprecedented **parking rate increases of up to 63%** that took effect on May 1, 2025
- **Removal of the Daily Employee Hotspot Rate** and **restriction of parking permits** for students
- **Parking capacity issues** on campus

These issues disproportionately affect those who can least afford them:

- Low-income staff and students
- Caregivers — balancing work and home responsibilities
- Rural commuters with no transit alternatives and urban commuters facing unreliable public transportation

The [2019 Carleton University Transportation Strategy](#) identified functional capacity issues that were not addressed before removing Parking Lot P9. Additional recommendations on rate increases and parking capacity were also not implemented.

In the [March 2025 Board of Governors meeting](#), Parking Services indicated that they anticipate an operating surplus of \$3,093,000 for 2025-2026 and plans to eliminate all existing deficits by 2027-28 with annual rate increases. Workers and students should not be made to pay for institutional development decisions that exclude their voices. These decisions affect our daily lives, work and education access, and financial stability.

We are collectively appealing to Carleton University to **immediately reverse the implementation of the parking rate increases and restore the Daily Employee Hotspot Rate** and:

- **Provide transparent and consistent communication** about rationale, budgeting, and the decision-making process
- **Engage in meaningful consultation** with staff and student representatives and unions
- Commit to **developing fair, needs-based, and realistic parking policies**

[Carleton University markets itself](#) as one of the National Capital Region's Top Employers, but has failed to consider the financial burden of unprecedented parking rate increases and the detriment to work-life balance for employees and students who cannot use and often [cannot rely on public transit](#).

We expect better — and we call on the University to do better.

Full Name:

Signature:

* By signing, I authorize CUPE 2424 to share this signed petition with Carleton University.

Together, we can make our voices heard! Upload your signed petition using the QR code to [our Petition Page](#).

