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Some options to installing temporary parking at 160 Lees Avenue

The photo below, from the Queensway widening provincial website, shows semi-vacant land near Lees. The land south of Lees, nominally 160 Lees, is used for recreation by those in the apartments and in the residences to the west. It is proposed by the City that this all be paved for construction staging and Ottawa University parking during construction of the LRT (notwithstanding U. of O. just eliminating 200+ parking spots with its stadium construction). The projected period of usage is up to five years. This is not good use of land considering the community needs and current usage.



There are three other potential parking areas shown in this very photograph which are not used to any degree for recreation by community members. They are labeled in the accompanying Google Map .pdf file. Parcel A is on the north side of Lees opposite Chestnut, between the eastbound off ramps going to Lees and Nicholas. It has some nice trees at the proposed entrance off Lees, but then could hold at least 60 cars in the bare grass adjacent to the ramp.



The area labeled B in the .pdf is between the northbound Nicholas off-ramp and the current Lees Avenue on-ramp to the eastbound Queensway. This latter on-ramp is scheduled to be closed during the widening and there is no detail on what will be happening to the current ramp. In this case, this small area might be best used for construction equipment staging rather than parking cars.



The biggest area, which is not currently being used, is north of the Queensway between the Ottawa East houses along Greenfield and the southbound Nicholas on-ramp to the westbound Queensway. It is called parcel C on the .pdf file. This site is close to the main Ottawa U. campus. It has plenty of flat land suitable for paving and parking cars, and is not being used for any recreational activity, as far as I can tell. There is a line of young trees and a narrow grass buffer behind the houses, which

should probably be left untouched, but there is still enough space for all foreseeable car parking.



There is no easy access from residential streets but the Queensway on-ramp from Greenfield could be widened and made 2-way for 100 metres to allow ingress and egress from the parking site. There is already a light on Greenfield to deal with this access.

I do not see where parking cars in view of the Queensway would be a problem for any user group.