



Stéphan Déry

Assistant Deputy Minister
Real Property Services Branch
Public Services and Procurement Canada
11 Laurier Street, Gatineau QC K1A 0S5
by email: stephan.dery@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

May 4, 2020

Dear Mr. Déry,

I am writing today on behalf of the tens of thousands of Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada members who are currently working from home because of the COVID-19 pandemic. They continue to pay a sizeable monthly amount for their parking at federal facilities across Canada at a time when a great many have experienced substantial family income reductions and are looking to cut costs to help make ends meet.

I believe that this is unfair given that they cannot, through no fault of their own, access their regular workplace.

Several of my members have approached the private sector operators who manage parking on behalf of the government in their respective facilities but have been informed that these companies have no ability to provide credits or refunds, as only the federal government can issue directives in that regard. Some have even been told that as their building remains open, they must keep paying whether they use their space or not. They may relinquish it with 30 days' notice but will have to re-apply for a parking spot once the health crisis has passed. As you know, these spaces may or may not be available in the future, as demand tends to exceed availability in any given work location.

Furthermore, this makes no sense as the length of the pandemic remains unknown, provinces are only starting to plan for 're-opening', and the government itself has still not determined the protocols and timing of the eventual return to work of its employees.

I understand that you have the authority to investigate the situation and to implement an employee-focused solution to this national problem.

I thank you for your immediate attention to this matter and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

Debi Daviau
President,
The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada