JULIE OLIVER, THE OTTAWA CITIZEN

Wayne Rodney, left, co-chairman of security for the Hintonburg Community Association, high-fives Brad Rollo, the new owner of 51 Pinhey St., as the old building on that lot is demolished on Tuesday.

ment systems have been in use throughout Europe and Asia for years. Using a phone-based system, drivers first have to actually make a phone call and then can use text.

iParked.ca is competing with pay-by-phone companies in Canada such as Verrus Mobile Technologies Inc., which provides service for downtown Vancouver, and New Parking Inc., in Saskatoon. A handful of other com-

allow him to pay for parking without getting drenched.

"I was trying to park in the pouring rain and I got fed up," he said. "I just thought, 'Why can't we do this?'"

He spent the next year developing the iParked system and is now ready to begin rolling it out. Deugo said the system is completely self-funded and that it makes money by keeping a small commission fee from each parking transaction it helps to

designate the lot they are in and then the time they plan to park for; for example, "45M" would indicate 45 minutes. After that, the system will bill the parking amount to the credit card associated with the phone number and a bill will be e-mailed to the user.

People wanting more time can simply text another message, indicate a longer parking period and see their parking time extended automatically.

spend more time with the kids, 68 per cent of respondents said it should be the lower-income parent, but 20 per cent of remaining respondents thought the mother should spend more time at home, and only two per cent thought that was the father's job.

The poll is based on interviews with 1,001 Canadians between June 3 and 6 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 per cent.

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