Parking Services Review Public Consultation

Attachment N - Collateral Materials

- TC and Vic News ads
- Postcard Handout
- Pay Station Panel
- Display panels

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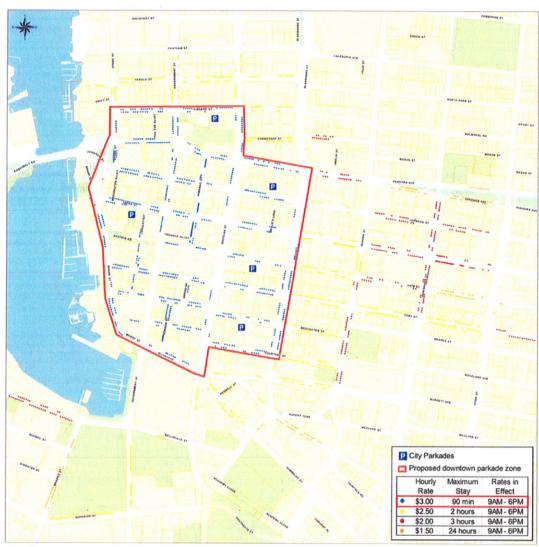


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PARKING SERVICES REVIEW:

Downtown Parkade Zone Map





On-street spaces within three-minute walk of City parkades.





Recommendations

On-street Parking

- Provide variable hourly rates (from \$1.50 to \$3 an hour) for on-street parking with time limits ranging from 90 minutes to all day, depending on the area downtown. (Please see Downtown Parkade Zone Map.)
- Provide additional downtown venues to reload the City's on-street parking card.
- Have Greater Victoria elected officials with permits park in City parkades when within three-minute walk of a parkade.

Of the 3,845 parking spaces downtown:

- 2,359 (61%) of these spaces will see a decrease in rates
- 837 parking spaces (22%) will see an increase in rates
- Remaining 649 downtown parking spaces will stay at the same rate with extended time limits





Recommendations

City Parkades

- Offer the first hour free in all City parkades.
- Offer free parking in City parkades in the evenings from 6 p.m. – 8 a.m. Monday to Saturday.
- Reduce the hourly parkade rate of \$2.25 to \$2/hour and charge on 15 minute-intervals.
- Daily maximums to be \$12 at all parkades except at Bastion Square Parkade (\$14 due to higher demand).
- Move monthly, long-term parkers to higher floors to free up space on lower floors.
- Install parkade space counters at entrance to show number of spaces available.
- Offer more methods of payment in parkades. Introduce new "pay on foot" machines enabling payment for parking before returning to vehicle to reduce wait times at exit.
- Improve way-finding signage in all parkades.





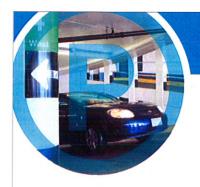
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Customer Service

- In partnership with the Downtown Victoria Business Association, develop a new training program for parking enforcement.
- Improve information about parking downtown online, in print, on-street and in parkades.

Parking will continue to be free on-street and in City parkades on Sundays and Statutory Holidays.





Security and Safety in Parkades

Enhancing security and safety in parkades have been a focus for the City over the past six years. All recommendations outlined in a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design study that was completed in 2007 have been acted on.

Improvements at City parkades have included:

- 24/7 on-site security
- increased visibility by removing hidden areas and installing windows in stairwell doors
- new paint and lighting to make parkades brighter
- new way-finding signage

Victoria Police Department statistics show an overall decrease of 75% in calls for service since 2007, in the form of property crime, vandalism and disorderly people.





Upcoming Parking Initiatives

This fall, the City will explore additional opportunities for parking improvements downtown.

- Review external contracts including parking enforcement.
- Look at Parking Review Office to determine how to make more welcoming and easier to find.
- Improve parking ticket review practices.
- Review "specialty" parking spaces in parkades (e.g. spaces for persons with a disability, parents of young children, free electric vehicle recharging stations, and bicycles) to increase, promote and make easier to find.
- Review "specialty" parking spaces on-street, including loading zones, to ensure efficient use and improve traffic flow.
- Monitor and adjust monthly parkade rates to ensure parking is priced according to use.
- Expand on-street meters in congested areas to increase turnover.
- Develop advertising polices for pay stations and parkades to generate revenue for parking improvements.





Online Survey

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What can we do to improve parking downtown?

