

## Media Release

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### **Phase 2 of the Downtown Parking Strategy Comes into Effect November 1, 2020**

October 14, 2020

This year City Council announced the implementation of a new multi-phased downtown parking strategy. Phase 1 began in May of 2020 with the removal of parking meters and replacing them with free two-hour street parking in our downtown commercial district.

Phase 2 was scheduled to begin October 1, 2020 with the introduction of time-limited lot parking. During the implementation process, stakeholders were asked to provide feedback and City Council received a substantial public response related to phase 2 of the parking strategy. To allow time to review and consider the feedback, implementation of Phase 2 was postponed to November 1, 2020.

Based on the feedback provided, Traffic Bylaw 20-8705 was revised and approved by City Council at their regular meeting held on October 13, 2020. The downtown parking revisions include:

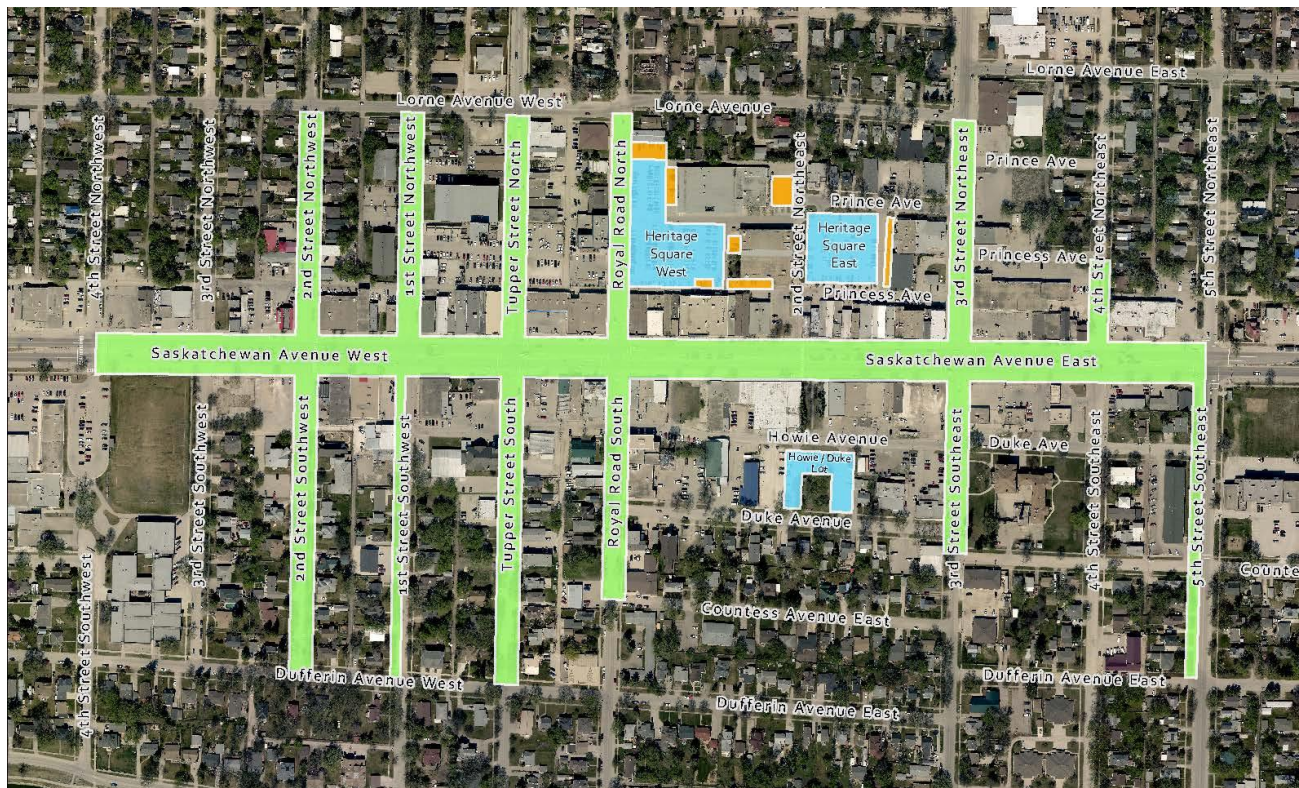
- A third City-owned lot has been added to the Time Limited Parking Lots. Originally, the By-Law included Heritage Square East & West lots. The third lot added is between Howie Avenue and Duke Avenue. For the purposes of the By-Law, the three lots are considered to be one Time Limited Parking Lot.
- Lot parking was initially given the same 2-hour free parking time limit as street parking. This has been changed to 3-hour free parking for lots only. The time limit for free street parking remains at 2 hours.
- The fee for monthly passes has been reduced from \$40 per month to \$25 per month.
- Annual passes will be sold for the cost of eleven months (\$25 per month x 11 months = \$275 for an annual pass).
- An accommodation for approved vendors to sell daily parking passes has been added. Now, parking passes can be purchased using the HotSpot Parking app or website, in person at City Hall, and from approved vendors.

- Clauses were added to provide free parking for vehicles clearly displaying a Physically Disabled Person’s Parking Permit while parked in a Designated Disabled Parking Space, and vehicles displaying Veteran license plates while parked in time limited parking zones.

Phase 2 of the downtown parking strategy will come into effect and electronic enforcement will begin on November 1, 2020.

Monthly and annual parking passes will be available for purchase beginning October 22, 2020 using the HotSpot Parking app or website, or in person at City Hall.

For the latest information related to Downtown Parking, including maps, FAQ’s and informational videos, visit our website at [www.city-plap.com](http://www.city-plap.com) and search “downtown parking”. Please check back often, as this site will be updated regularly.



## Downtown Parking Guide

- Free Two-Hour Street Parking
- Free Three-Hour Lot Parking
- Restricted Parking Area

Time limited parking is enforced Monday through Friday, 9 am to 6 pm, holidays excluded.

Paid daily, monthly, and annual rates are available.



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