

Council adopts recommendations supporting parking solutions

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Penticton – Solutions to challenges associated with parking access for a range of users and locations were adopted by Penticton City Council Tuesday following a staff presentation that identified opportunities where immediate action could be taken to address concerns raised by residents during this summer’s parking engagement outreach. Those opportunities, including the provision of over 100 more reserved all-day parking spaces, focus on:

- maintaining the current free parking along Lakeshore Drive and Riverside Drive and, between Winnipeg Street and Power Street, introducing a three hour parking restriction from 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, that is in force from June to September;
- retaining the existing resident only parking areas around the hospital and downtown;
- expanding parking access for employees of downtown businesses Monday through Friday, creating additional parking options for downtown visitors during evenings and on weekends, raising knowledge of the availability of long-term and customer parking options through improved wayfinding and directional signage and creating easy parking payment through a new mobile application; and
- directing staff to review the current cash-in-lieu and car share policies within the City’s Zoning Bylaw.

“Staff documented over 1100 comments and surveys in creating the set of recommendations for council to consider which I think is amazing that so many people engaged” said Penticton Mayor, Andrew Jakubeit. “We are very thankful for all those that participated to help address the parking needs, concerns and challenges that densification and growth bring to our community.”

The steps taken this week to improve parking options for residents and visitors form part of a larger initiative the City is undertaking that will focus additional attention on the current parking challenges associated with the South Okanagan Events Centre, along with the inclusion of parking options and solutions in the Official Community Plan, now underway.

Rollout of the changes will begin in early 2018. For a full breakdown of the forthcoming changes, including maps and charts, please download the following [presentation](#).

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