

## Don't plug the meter until May 30 – Free on street parking to start

(Penticton, BC – March 25, 2020) – Effective immediately, there will be no charge for metered parking on City of Penticton streets through to May 30, 2020.

"This decision supports shorter visits to businesses and access to essential services in our downtown through this difficult period," says Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "It also recognizes the current reduction in parking activity overall and the reduced requirement to empty meters, thereby allowing our Bylaw Officers to respond to other more pressing needs across our community."

"From the DPA's perspective, any time the City grants complimentary parking downtown it is a benefit to businesses," said Executive Director of the Downtown Penticton Association, Lynn Allin. "Providing free metered parking downtown is a first and timely step toward supporting those businesses that are currently operating during this challenging time."

Monthly parking at the City's scramble and reserved lots, as well as hourly pay stationed lots, are not affected by this change. All traffic bylaws remain in effect, except for paid on-street parking restrictions.

"While parking is free, the time restrictions will remain to discourage the long-term use of on-street parking spaces," says Bylaw Services Supervisor, Tina Siebert.

The City will revisit the decision to offer free on-street parking in advance of May 30, 2020. Citizens who have questions about parking are invited to contact Bylaw Services at (250) 490-2440 or by email at [bylaw@penticton.ca](mailto:bylaw@penticton.ca).

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