

## Current Parking Tools

Currently, the City uses a variety of tools to manage parking in a way that seeks to balance the needs of all stakeholders using the street. As part of the development and implementation of the Winnipeg Parking Strategy, the following policies and practices that are currently in place will be reviewed and amended as needed.



### Time-Limited Parking

Time-limited parking restrictions are in place in commercial and residential areas throughout the city where there is a significant demand for parking. Implementing time limits is normally the first step the City takes to help manage areas with high parking demands. Time limits help to generate turnover by opening up spaces at a set interval, usually every two hours. In residential areas where time-limited parking is in place, residents can apply for an annual residential parking permit that allows them to park for an unlimited amount of time.

### Paid Parking

In areas where there is a significant demand for on-street parking, a requirement to pay a fee for use of a parking space may be imposed to help generate turnover of vehicles. Paid parking is considered for an area when time-limited parking has not been successful to manage the demand for on-street parking. Paid parking generates turnover that allows motorists to find a parking space without having to circle the block, thereby allowing more patrons to frequent local businesses and helping to spur economic activity.



High-demand and low-demand zones are located throughout on-street paid parking areas in the Downtown, Exchange, and West End Business Improvement Zones. Paid parking is also in place around the Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface Hospital as the requirement to pay along with a maximum time limit is the most effective way to ensure that an appropriate number of parking spaces are available for visitors and patients who need them. Parking fees are greater in high-demand zones than low-demand zones as the higher fee is required to generate the desired turnover and to increase parking availability. Motorists can pay for parking at the physical paystation, via the mobile payment application, or by purchasing Scratch N' Park passes. Generally, paystations are located in the middle of a block face, except in instances where a dedicated accessible space exists, in which case the paystation is located close to the accessible space.

Unless otherwise posted, from Monday-Friday, there is a two-hour limit between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for all paid parking except in the areas around hospitals. Hospital areas have a four-hour limit. An additional 30 minutes may be purchased starting after the maximum time has elapsed, as long as the maximum time was previously purchased.

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### Complimentary Saturday Parking

On Saturdays, two-hour complimentary parking is available in all on-street paid parking locations except around the Health Sciences Centre and St. Boniface Hospital. Two-hour complimentary parking applies to on-street parking only, at any time between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. There is no requirement to pay for parking in order to receive two hours of complimentary parking.



### Policies for Residents with Accessibility Requirements

A number of policies are in place to support residents with accessibility requirements including:

- Parking in designated on-street parking spaces with the international access symbol is reserved for motorists who display a valid permit issued by Manitoba Possible.
- Wherever possible, paystations are to be located close to an accessible parking space to make it easier for motorists with accessibility requirements to pay for parking.
- Accessible permit holders may park in any paid parking space, including designated accessible spaces, for a total of four hours when the maximum time is purchased. An additional 30 minutes may be purchased starting after the four hours, provided the user had already purchased the maximum time. Accessible permit holders may park for four hours at non-paid spaces normally restricted to one or two hours.
- Designated accessible loading zones may be used, providing an accessible parking permit issued by Manitoba Possible is displayed. The permit allows a vehicle to be parked or stopped for 30 minutes.

### Loading Zones

Loading zones help manage designated on-street curb spaces for short-term use as pick-up and drop-off points for passengers or goods. Loading zones may be installed in both commercial and residential areas.



Commercial loading zones are installed at the request of a business and are regularly reviewed to assess whether there is an ongoing need. Commercial loading zones are not reserved for the use of any specific business or its customers. Any motorist may use a commercial loading zone, provided they adhere to the posted time limit. Wherever possible, no more than one loading zone will be installed on any given block face. There are blocks where multiple loading zones are currently in place, and the installation of more than one loading zone on a block may be approved going forward, but only in instances where it can be clearly shown that a single loading zone is not sufficient to meet the needs of patrons or property owners on the block.

Residential loading zones are installed at the request of the owner of a residential property and may be installed to accommodate residents with accessibility requirements being picked up by Winnipeg Transit Plus or individuals for whom loading is not available through a driveway or rear access to the property.

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### Residential Parking Permits

Residential areas with high parking demand may have time-limited parking in place to manage the amount of time non-residents can park on the street. Residential parking permits are available to residents who live on a street with a one or two-hour time restriction and allow them to park for an unlimited amount of time.

### Other Parking Permits

There are a number of other special permit programs designed to accommodate specific parking needs. Each program has unique policies around its use. The permit programs include:

- the Mobile Vendor Permit Program,
- the Contractor Permit Program,
- the East & West Exchange District Monthly On-Street Permit Program,
- the Social Service Provider Permit Program,
- the Temporary Recreational Vehicle Parking Permit Program,
- the Stadium Event Zone Permit Program,
- the Veterans Parking Program, and
- single-use permits for construction and special events.



### Off-Street Parking

The City provides off-street public parking at seven surface lots and the Millennium Library Parkade. While this represents a small proportion of the publically available surface and structured parking in Winnipeg, understanding the current challenges facing stakeholders with respect to off-street parking remains an important consideration in the development of the strategy.

The City's Zoning By-law sets out minimum requirements for the provision of parking throughout most of the city. The number of parking spaces required in the By-law is dependent on the proposed land use (residential, office, retail, etc.) and is based on various measures such as the number of occupants, number of units, and the size of the development. The Downtown Zoning By-law explicitly states that parking facilities are not required to be provided in conjunction with new development or redevelopment Downtown. However, where it exists, parking is considered a distinct land use and is therefore subject to applicable design standards.