

**TO:** MAYOR & COUNCILLORS  
**FROM:** GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING  
**SUBJECT:** **PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS TO ADDRESS VETERANS' PARKING AND PARKING METER ZONE EXPANSION**  
**PURPOSE:** To propose amendments to the Burnaby Parking Meter and Electric Vehicle Charging Meter Bylaw 2019 to address veterans' parking and the expansion of parking meter zones.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** the City Solicitor be authorized to bring forward amendments to the Burnaby Parking Meter and Electric Vehicle Charging Meter Bylaw 2019, as described in the report titled "Proposed Bylaw Amendments to Address Veterans' Parking and Parking Meter Zone Expansion" dated April 22, 2025.

## **1.0 POLICY SECTION**

The proposed bylaw amendments in this report support the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic plan and goals for a safe, connected, healthy, and dynamic community and are aligned with Council-adopted goals, policies, and targets within the Burnaby Transportation Plan.

Further to Council unanimously approving the following motion at its February 25, 2025 Regular Meeting:

WHEREAS we value the contributions of veterans to our society;

WHEREAS vehicles bearing veterans licence plates can park for free in Vancouver, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and New Westminster;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of providing free parking for veterans in the City of Burnaby and report back to Council regarding the costs, impacts and timelines of the proposed initiative.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

This report presents several amendments to the Burnaby Parking Meter and Electric Vehicle Charging Meter Bylaw 2019 to address the following on City streets:

- Free parking for Veteran and family members of Memorial Cross recipients; and
- Expansion of on-street public pay parking meter zones in the Lake City Way and Production Way / University Skytrain station areas.

### **3.0 PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS**

The proposed bylaw amendments are detailed in *Attachment 1* and a summary of the changes is provided below.

#### **3.1 Veterans' Parking**

The City is committed to recognizing and honouring Canada's military veterans by providing parking fee exemptions for vehicles displaying Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates at parking metered spaces in the City. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) currently issues two types of licence plates in recognition of the Canadian Armed Forces: (i) Veteran licence plates, which are available to honourably discharged or currently serving members of the Canadian Armed Forces, as well as others who have served in the Canadian Armed Forces, and (ii) Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates, which are available to family members of Canadian Armed Forces personnel who died in service or whose death was attributed to their service. The City provided parking fee exemptions to veterans for two years starting in 2005, the Year of the Veteran and the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day. Across Metro Vancouver, permanent parking meter fee exemptions are offered to veterans in Vancouver, Coquitlam, Port Moody, Surrey and New Westminster. Aligning with regional practices and policies ensures that veterans receive consistent messages and access when travelling throughout the region.

The proposed bylaw amendments will include parking fee exemptions for vehicles displaying an ICBC issued Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plate for a duration up to the maximum parking time limit.

Currently, there are prohibitions in the Burnaby Parking Meter and Electric Vehicle Charging Meter Bylaw 2019 that restrict the opportunity to provide parking fee exemptions for vehicles displaying Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates in the City's parking metered spaces. The following amendments are proposed:

- The proposed amendments will update the section for parking vehicles in a parking metered space to include an exemption to allow vehicles displaying a Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plate to park in a parking metered space without paying the required parking meter fees for a period up to the parking time limit identified on the parking meter.

The proposed bylaw amendments are set out in *Attachment 1*.

#### **3.2 On-street Public Pay Parking Meter Zone Expansion**

The City currently operates approximately 1,100 on-street pay parking meters (or 2,200 on-street pay parking spaces) that are predominantly located within the four Town Centres, including Metrotown, Brentwood, Edmonds, and Lougheed. Additional parking meters are placed around BC Institute of Technology (BCIT) and industrial areas, including Lake City Way and Production Way University SkyTrain stations. For the Lake City Way and Production Way University SkyTrain stations, parking meters are placed only along the station's frontage road (parking meter zone) where on-street parking is

permitted. Currently, on-street parking usage along the adjacent streets beyond the parking meter zone is considerably high based on site observations. Combined with recent Provincial Housing Legislation and the TOA designation at Lake City Way station and Production Way University station, on-street parking will continue to be in high demand around the SkyTrain stations for Lake City Way and Production Way University. Expanding parking meter areas beyond the current parking meter zones will effectively regulate on-street City parking by optimizing utilization, improving traffic flow, and ensuring accessibility.

The proposed amendment will replace the current Figures 5 (Lake City Way Station) and Figure 6 (Production Way University Station) in Schedule "A" of the Bylaw with a new Figure 5 showing an expanded parking meter zone for the Lake City Way and Production Way / University Skytrain station areas.

The proposed Schedule A Parking Metered Zones amendment is set out in *Attachment 1*.

#### **4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

City staff will develop public communications to advise the public of the parking fee exemptions for vehicles displaying Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates at parking metered spaces in the City.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

As the number of vehicles bearing Veteran or Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates and utilizing parking metered spaces in the City is low, the parking fee exemptions for Veteran and Memorial Cross Recipient licence plates will have minimal impacts to the overall parking revenue.

The expansion of the parking zones within Lake City Way and Production Way University stations will generate additional revenue that will contribute to the overall public pay parking operational and maintenance costs for the city.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1 – Proposed Bylaw Amendments

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