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Subject: Memo - Free Parking for Memorial Cross Plates
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- Since Council's decision to pilot free parking for veterans, staff have had enquiries about Memorial Cross license plate holders.
- Memorial Cross plates are given to close family of Canadian Service members who died in service.
- Staff plan to treat Memorial Cross plate-holders the same as holders of veterans plates.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lon LaClaire at 604-873-7336 or lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca.

Best,
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Pronouns: he, him, his



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.

MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2020

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Free Parking for Memorial Cross Plates

As a result of Council's recent decision to pilot free parking at parking meters for vehicles bearing veteran licence plates, staff have received an enquiry as to whether the free parking provision also applies to vehicles bearing Memorial Cross licence plates.

The Memorial Cross (more often referred to as the Silver Cross) is an award that has been granted by the Government of Canada since 1919 to the loved ones of Canadian armed forces personnel who died in service or whose death was attributed to their service. In the past it has only been given to mothers and widows, however, recent changes now allow Canadian Forces members to designate up to three Memorial Cross recipients¹.

Information from ICBC indicates that the number of Memorial Cross plates in BC is low; there are currently 0 actively insured plates in Vancouver, 10 in the Lower Mainland, and 41 in BC.

In consideration of Council's direction, the low number of actively insured plates, and Memorial Cross recipients being part of the veteran community, staff plan to extend the free parking privileges to vehicles bearing Memorial Cross licence plates, effective immediately. Should Council have any concerns with this approach, please contact me directly.



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¹ Veteran Affairs Canada. *Memorial Cross*. <https://www.veterans.gc.ca/eng/remembrance/medals-decorations/memorial-cross>