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Subject: Chinatown Parking Meter Replacements and Pay Parking in the Mount Pleasant Industrial (MPI) Area – Phase Two

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Lon LaClaire regarding two metered parking initiatives staff plan to undertake in Q1 2022. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

1. Replace aging parking meters in Chinatown with pay stations, as part of the ongoing parking meter replacement program.
 - ☐ The new pay stations will offer service in both English and Traditional Chinese, as a first step towards offering service in multiple languages.
 - ☐ Parking meter rates and parking space layouts will remain the same as today.
2. Expand pay parking in the Mount Pleasant Industrial Area to the area bounded by 5th Avenue, 7th Avenue, Yukon Street and Quebec Street, to continue to manage high demand for parking in the vicinity.
 - ☐ All new pay parking will be charged at \$1/hr, with a \$5 flat daily rate available to park from 9 am to 6 pm.
 - ☐ There will be no changes to any existing special zones (e.g. loading zones, passenger zones) or residential permit parking zones.
 - ☐ Affected businesses, residents and owners will be notified of the proposed changes and will have an opportunity to provide feedback prior to implementation.

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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MEMORANDUM

December 9, 2021

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire
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SUBJECT: Chinatown Parking Meter Replacements and Pay Parking in the Mount Pleasant Industrial (MPI) Area – Phase Two

RTS #: N/A

This memo provides Council with an update on two metered-parking initiatives that staff are planning to undertake early in 2022: the replacement of parking meter equipment in Chinatown and the Phase Two pay parking expansion in the Mount Pleasant Industrial (MPI) area.

Chinatown Parking Meter Replacements

As part of the ongoing Parking Meter Replacement Program, the next area identified for replacements is Chinatown. The existing parking meters within Chinatown have historically been prone to vandalism and theft, and replacement of these meters will significantly reduce maintenance costs and lost parking revenue, in addition to improving reliability for customers. Replacement of these aging single-space meters is planned to occur in Q1 2022, and will strictly be a change in pay parking equipment. No rate changes nor additional pay parking spaces are associated with this change. A unique feature of these pay stations is that they will offer service in English and Traditional Chinese within the Chinatown BIA. This is a starting point for offering service in multiple languages; after an initial testing period in Chinatown, Traditional Chinese would be rolled out to pay stations throughout the city, with the intention to offer service in additional languages in the future.

Prior to the replacement of the equipment, City staff will inform the Chinatown Legacy Stewardship Group (LSG), who previously indicated support for this action, and the Chinatown BIA.

Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Pay Parking Expansion – Phase Two

In May 2021, the initial phase of metered parking was implemented in the southern portion of the MPI area based on the plan detailed in the memorandum submitted to Council March 23, 2021. In Q1 2022, staff plan to convert approximately 300 more unregulated and time-limited spaces to metered parking in the MPI area, in the area bounded by Fifth Avenue, Seventh Avenue, Yukon Street and Quebec Street (Appendix A).

This action continues the implementation of directions identified in the Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Parking Strategy, approved by Council on May 16, 2018, which calls for the introduction of metered parking to achieve target parking occupancies of under 85 per cent. Further details of the MPI Area Parking Strategy can be found in Appendix B.

Since the implementation of the first phase of metered parking expansion, parking occupancies higher than 85 per cent have been observed by City staff. City staff have also received feedback requesting that more flat daily rate parking be made available, particularly since this option was removed from Eighth Avenue to encourage more turnover. To address both of these issues, staff will be expanding pay parking northwards towards, and including, Fifth Avenue. All pay parking within the expansion area will include the option to pay a flat daily rate.

All new pay parking will be charged at the City's lowest parking rate of \$1 per hour and will be in effect between 9 am and 10 pm, with a flat daily rate of \$5 to park from 9 am to 6 pm in the MPI area. Any existing special zones (e.g. loading zones, passenger zones) or residential permit parking regulations will remain unchanged as a result of this work. Recognizing the need for residential parking within the MPI area, on-street "Pay Parking except with Permit" zones will also be created near residential and mixed-use buildings.

Public Consultation

Staff plan to mail letters to all impacted businesses, landowners, and residents this December to inform them of:

- Parking changes proposed adjacent to or near their business/property;
- The details and benefits of the 2018 Council-approved MPI Area Parking Strategy; and,
- The need to accelerate the implementation of pay parking in the MPI area to improve parking availability for customers and businesses due to the Broadway Subway construction.

The letter will include the map shown in Appendix A and citizens will be encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed regulations so that localized needs can be accommodated.

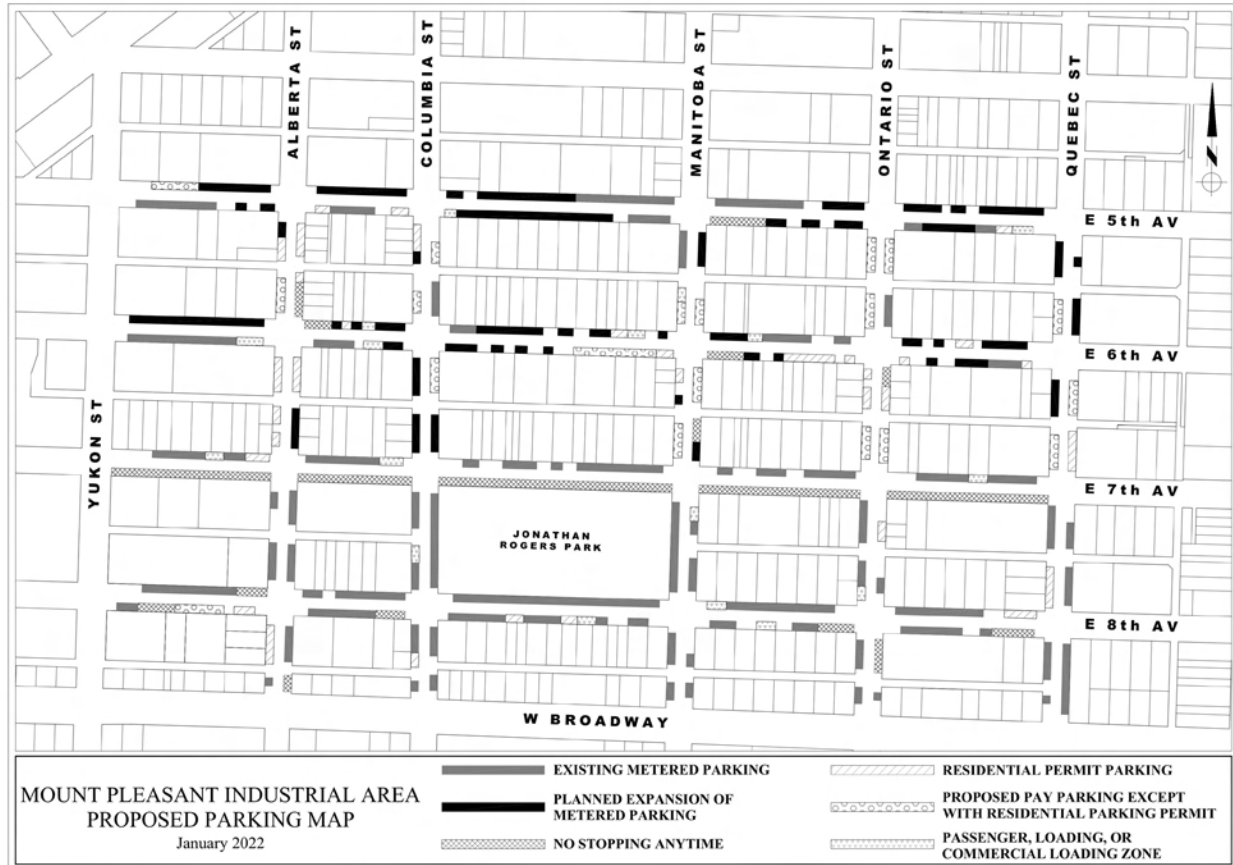
I trust that this memo provides sufficient information regarding the upcoming implementation for this project. Should you have any questions please feel free to contact me directly.



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Appendix A - Q1 2022 Planned Pay Parking Expansion within MPI Area



Appendix B - Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Background Information

The MPI Area Parking Strategy is intended to support sustainable transportation modes for both visitors and businesses in the area. For on-street parking, the Strategy recommends a performance-based approach that includes the introduction of new measures which include: time limits, short-term metered parking, and long-term metered parking to achieve target parking occupancies of under 85 per cent. This occupancy target ensures that motorists trying to park are well served at their destinations by providing at least one to two available spaces per block during peak periods and addresses the safety, congestion, and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) impacts associated with unnecessary driving around to search for on-street parking.

Area Overview

The MPI area is generally defined as the area north of Broadway, south of Second Avenue, east of Yukon, and west of Main Street, shown in Figure 1. The area is characterized by smaller lots with existing industrial and office buildings. These smaller lots limit the amount of surface parking and are also encumbered by other loading and storage requirements, resulting in high demand for on-street parking.



Figure 1 – Mount Pleasant Industrial Area Zoning Map

Today, there are approximately 1900 on-street parking spaces and a significant amount of these spaces are unregulated free parking which is well utilized by businesses, visitors, and commuters in the area.

To better manage on-street parking in the MPI area, a performance-based approach is recommended, and on-street pay parking will be implemented as part of the MPI Area Parking

Strategy. In 2016, the Parking Meter By-law was amended to allow a data driven parking meter program that:

- Allows parking meters to be installed as required to manage curbside availability;
- Adjusts on-street parking rates to achieve about one or two free spaces on a block;
- Adjusts parking meter rates annually based on data collected regularly throughout the previous calendar year; and,
- Adjusts on-street parking rates independently for daytime and evening periods.

Given the limited amount of retail activity in the MPI area, which requires short duration stays, as well as the use of on-street parking by commuters, metered parking introduced in the area will also be installed to permit long-term stays.