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Subject: Parking Meter Replacement Program and Pay Parking Expansion Updates

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Dear Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached memo from Taryn Scollard. A short summary of the memo is as follows:

- The replacement of aging parking meters with pay stations is expected to ramp up starting in May, targeting completion by the end of 2025.
- Bike racks have been installed on all suitably placed parking meter posts (total of 775 thus far).
- Pay parking to be expanded to Mount Pleasant Phase 3 (between 2nd and 5th Aves, from Yukon to Main St) and Spanish Banks in Q2, with expansion to Victoria Drive near 41st Ave planned for Q4.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Taryn Scollard at 604-873-7789 or taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca.

Wishing you a nice weekend ...

Karen

Karen Levitt, Deputy City Manager (she/her)

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MEMORANDUM

March 22, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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This memo provides Council with an update on a few metered parking initiatives including the citywide replacement of parking meter equipment, the conversion of meter posts to bike racks, and the expansion of pay parking around the city.

Parking Meter Replacements

Parking Meter Conversion: Status and Next Steps

The Parking Meter Replacement Program is well underway and approximately 45 per cent of Vancouver's pay parking stalls are now being operated by pay stations.

In the summer of 2023, staff installed the new Precise pay stations along Main Street and Homer Street to test their functionality. Testing was successfully completed and 50 pay stations are on hand for the pay parking expansions in Mount Pleasant and Spanish Banks (see sections below).

Additional pay stations are set to arrive throughout 2024 and 2025 to complete the meter replacements. This will improve the customer experience by enabling payment by credit and debit, reducing instances of jamming, and facilitating digital advancements such as displaying parking availability on a map. In 2024, staff plan to replace parking meters with pay stations in the Kerrisdale, Joyce Street, Commercial Drive areas.

Bike Rack Conversion Status

In 2022, Council passed the motion [Lock It or Lose It: Improving Secure Bike Infrastructure in the City of Vancouver](#) which outlined actions to improve parking infrastructure for bicycles and micro-mobility devices. To date, approximately 775 bike racks have been installed as part of the Parking Meter Replacement Program. All old meters that were temporarily covered have been replaced with bike racks or removed (if they did not meet City standards). Staff also have created a process to ensure that bike racks will be installed in tandem with the removal of parking meters. In locations where parking meters cannot be replaced with post and ring bike racks (e.g., for being too close to the curb or trees), staff have arranged for alternative bike racks to be installed nearby. Today, there are approximately 3,200 City bike racks and 6,150 parking meters (informal bike racks) located on City Streets.

Upcoming Pay Parking Expansions

Mount Pleasant Industrial (MPI) Area Pay Parking Expansion – Phase Three

In Q2 2024, staff plan to complete the MPI area pay parking expansion and convert the approximately 350 remaining unregulated and time-limited spaces to metered parking, in the area bounded by 2nd Avenue, 5th Avenue, Yukon Street, and Main Street (Appendix A). This action continues the implementation of directions identified in the [MPI Area Parking Strategy](#).

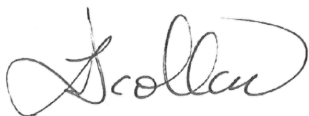
For consistency with the adjacent blocks, pay parking will be charged at a rate of \$2 per hour between 9 am and 6 pm and \$1 per hour between 6 and 10 pm, with a daily rate option of \$10 to park from 9 am to 6 pm. The rates reflect the recent increase from \$1 per hour to \$2 per hour (and from \$5 per day to \$10 per day) during the daytime due to high parking demand. A notification letter was mailed in Q1 2024 to all residents and businesses in the area to inform them of the parking changes. There has been minimal feedback from the public on this to date.

Jericho/Spanish Banks Pay Parking Expansion

In Q2 2024, Parks and Recreation staff plan to install pay parking in the Spanish Banks parking lots, pending approval from Park Board. In conjunction with this, Engineering Services staff plan to implement pay parking along Northwest Marine Drive, between Blanca Street and 4th Avenue (see Appendix B). Pay parking is being expanded in this area as parking utilization, especially during summer weekends, is very busy (over 85 per cent full). Having pay parking both on- and off-street will help manage demand and improve the ability for beach patrons to find a parking space.

New on-street pay parking will be charged at a rate of \$1 per hour and will be in effect between 9 am and 10 pm from April 1 to September 30. Pending Park Board approval, Parks and Recreation and Engineering Services will conduct a joint public notification of the proposed parking regulations to inform the public, nearby residents and organizations that use the facilities of the upcoming changes so that localized needs can be accommodated.

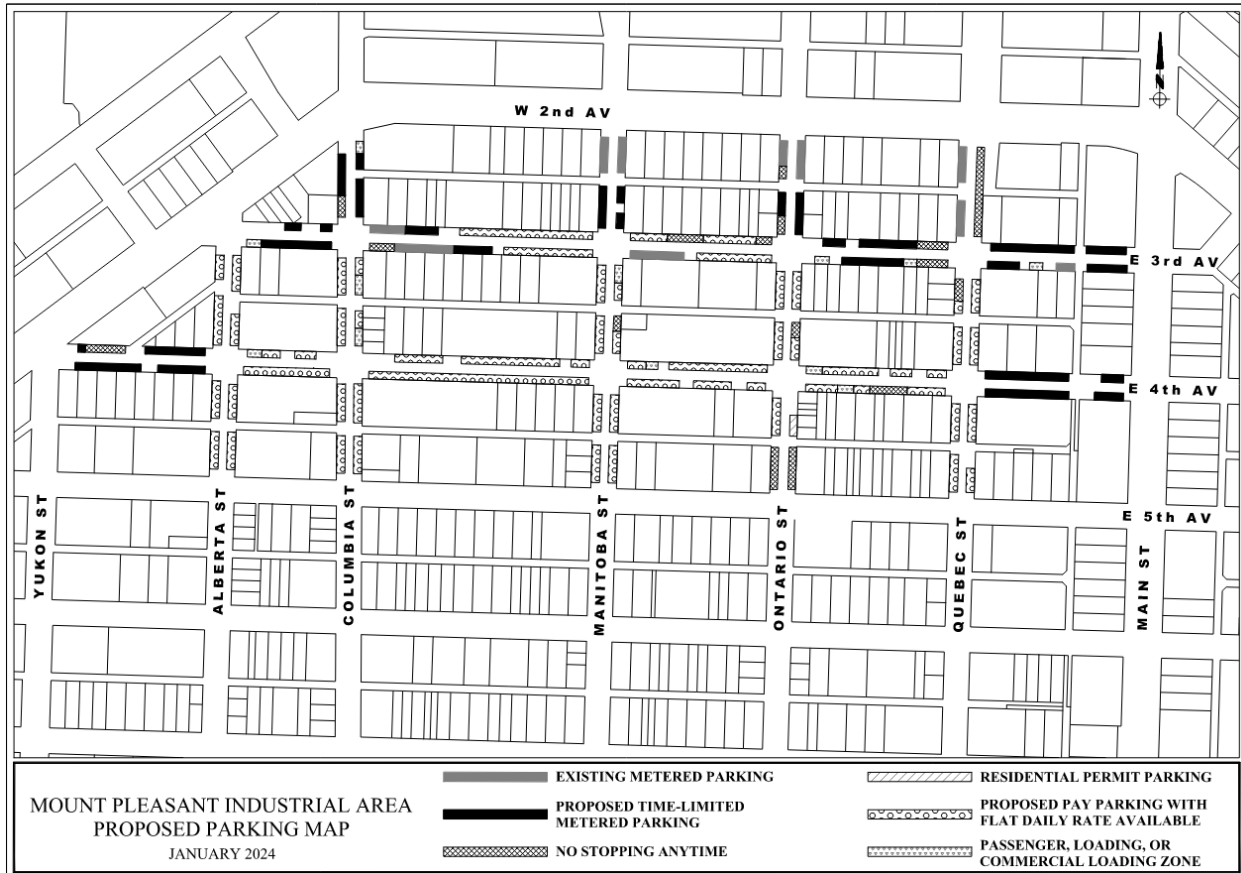
Additional pay parking expansions are discussed in Appendix C. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



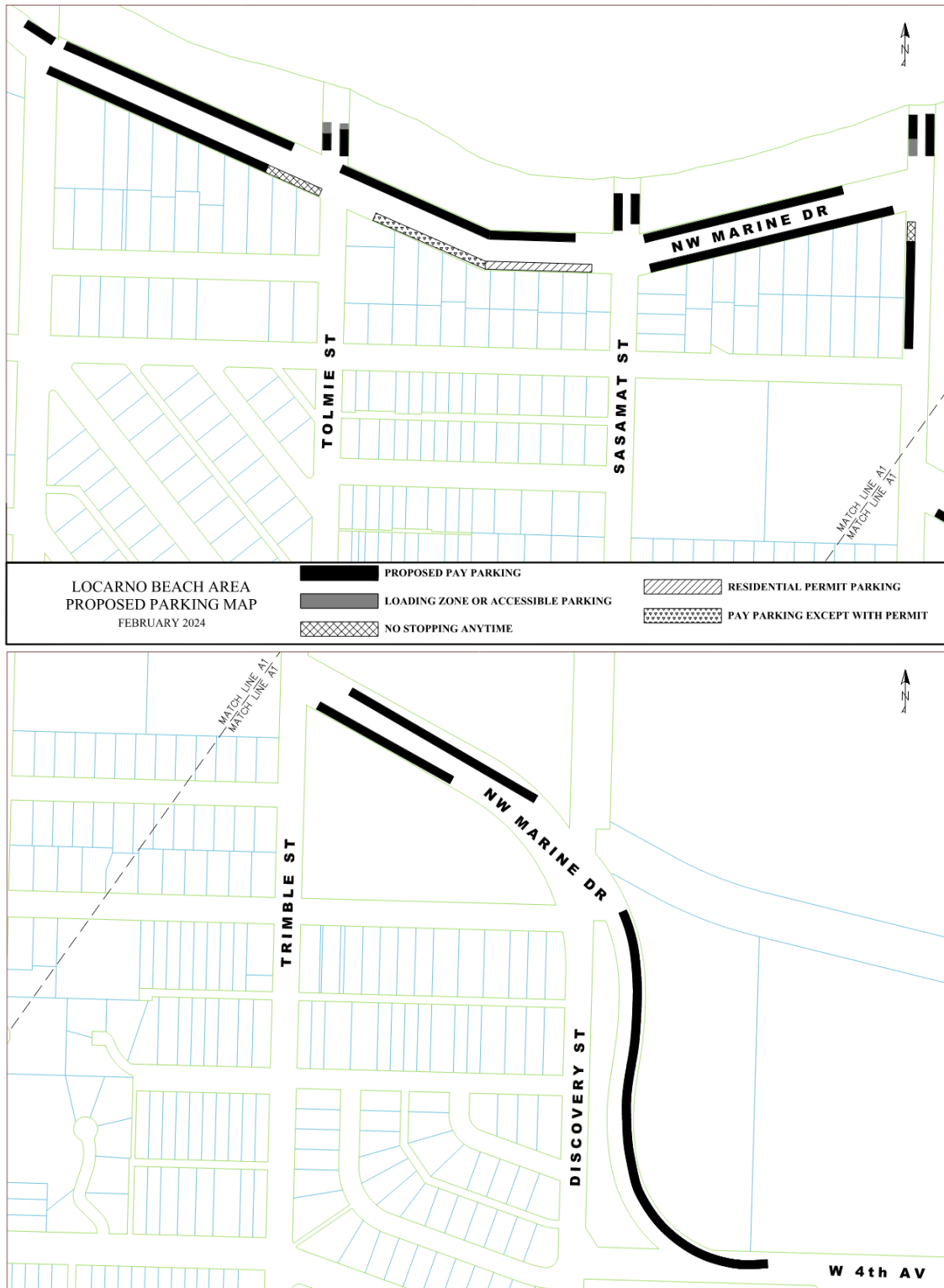
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Appendix A - Planned Pay Parking Expansion within MPI Area



Appendix B - Planned Pay Parking Expansion within the Jericho/Spanish Banks Area



Appendix C – Future Pay Parking Expansion Locations & Timings

To better utilize curb space in busy areas, staff are planning for and reviewing locations that may benefit from on-street pay parking. Over the next 2 years, staff anticipate that pay parking may be installed in all or portions of the following areas:

- 2024
 - Victoria Drive Business Improvement Area
 - Strathcona Business Improvement Area

- 2025
 - Kits Point (in the area bounded by Cornwall Avenue, Arbutus Street, Chestnut Street, and Ogden Avenue)
 - Marpole Business Improvement Area
 - River District (in the area bounded by Marine Way, Jack Uppal Street, East Kent Avenue North, and Rivergrass Drive)

Over the next few years, staff will be conducting parking studies in these areas to confirm on-street parking occupancy and then engaging with residents and businesses as applicable.

If pay parking is installed at all these locations, approximately 2000 new pay parking spaces would be created (this value includes the pay parking expansions in MPI area Phase 3 and Jericho/Spanish Banks). This would translate to roughly a 17% increase in the number of on-street pay parking spaces in the city.