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To: "[Direct to Mayor and Council](#)" -

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Subject: Memo - Parking Updates - West End, Kits Point, Sector Rates, Resident Parking Only

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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:

- Starting May 1, 2025, the West End residential permit parking zone will be divided into three separate zones to improve parking accessibility for residents.
- The split aims to prevent permit holders from parking in residential permit parking areas far away from their homes in other areas of the West End, making it easier for local residents to find parking near their homes.
- SPARC placard holders can park in any residential permit parking zone for up to three hours and in No Parking zones for up to 30 minutes to load and unload.
- Existing permit holders have been notified by mail, and information is available on the City website and at local community centers.
- Updates on other parking initiatives include pay parking in Kits Point, sector-based parking meter rates, and the removal of Resident Parking Only signage in favor of permit parking based on community surveys.

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

Best,

Paul

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MEMORANDUM

April 7, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Lon LaClaire
General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Parking Updates – West End, Kits Point, Sector Rates, Resident Parking Only

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This memo provides an update on several on-street parking initiatives currently underway.

West End Residential Permit Parking Zone Split

To support residents living in the West End, the existing West End residential permit parking zone will be split into three separate zones, starting on May 1, 2025. This change is one of nine actions listed in the [West End Parking Strategy](#) approved by Council in 2017 and is intended to improve parking accessibility in the West End. A map of the new residential permit parking zones can be found in Appendix A, and progress on the action items is listed in Appendix B.

Reason for This Change

From the community consultation conducted for the West End Parking Strategy, it was found that some permit holders drive from home and use their permit to park near destinations within the West End zone, such as shopping areas, beach access points, and parks. This practice creates significant challenges for residents who live near these destinations and find it difficult to locate available parking near their homes, especially during peak hours. Dividing the West End permit parking zone aims to alleviate this issue, by having permit parking be available only to local residents rather than the community as a whole.

Accessibility

Staff recognize that some permit holders who have mobility challenges may use their residential parking permit to complete activities such as grocery shopping or attending medical appointments. To address this, the Street and Traffic By-law allows those with SPARC placards

to park in any residential permit parking zone for up to three hours and in No Parking zones for up to 30 minutes to load and unload.

Communications

All existing West End permit holders have been mailed a letter to notify them of the zone split (see Appendix C). Information is also posted on the [City website](#), including [Frequently Asked Questions](#), and brochures are available at the West End Community Centre and Revenue Services.

Permit Fees

West End parking permit fees are not changing as part of the zone split. Residents who are eligible for the non-market legacy permit rate will retain eligibility even if they move to a different West End permit zone.

Other Parking Initiatives

Kits Point

To help address seasonal demand and mitigate potential parking pressures from the Señákw development, pay parking and updated permit parking regulations are currently being installed in Kits Point. The regulations were designed in consultation with the Kits Point Residents Association and further refined following feedback received from a neighbourhood survey. A map showing the regulations is included in Appendix D and pay parking will cost \$1.50 per hour.

Sector-Based Parking Meter Rates

Implementation of the sector-based parking meter rates, as approved by Council on November 26, 2024, is currently underway and will be complete by July 1. Maps showing the daytime and evening meter rates for each sector are available in Schedule A of the [Parking Meter By-law](#).

Resident Parking Only Signage

In October 2024, staff initiated the process of removing Resident Parking Only signage (signs that say “No Parking Except Residents of this Block”). The process involves distributing a survey to all households on the block and asking whether they would prefer the street to have permit parking or be unregulated. Permit parking will be installed if at least 50 per cent of households vote in favour of it. Surveys have been completed for the Broadway corridor and staff are now focusing on the Cambie corridor. See Appendix E for a progress map.

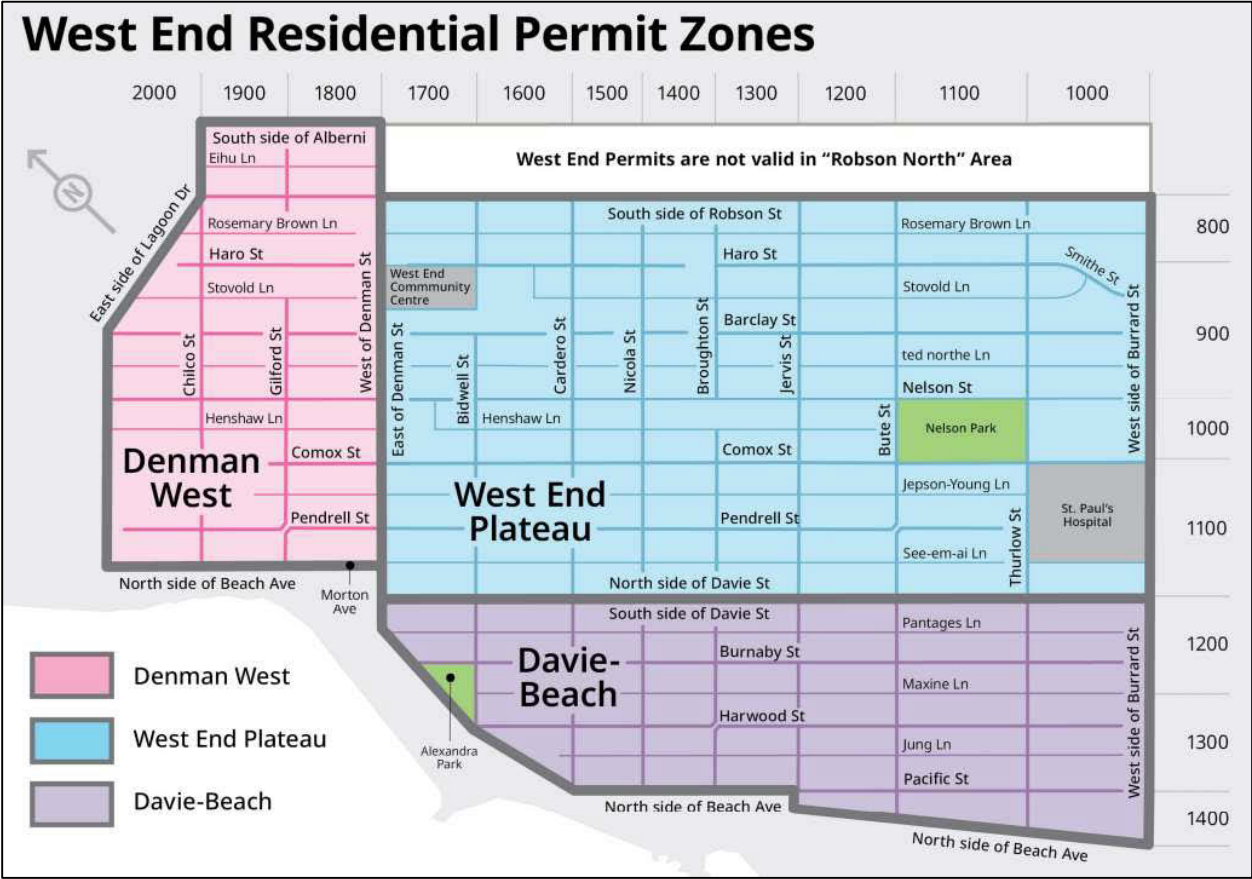
Please contact me directly should you have any questions.



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APPENDIX A – Map of West End Residential Permit Zone Split



APPENDIX B – West End Parking Strategy – Improvement Timeline

Action Item	Progress
Charge market-based rates for new parking permits	Completed in 2017
Keep existing permit-holders at the same rates	Completed in 2017
Create a parking benefit district	Completed in 2019
Divide the permit zone	To be completed as of May 1, 2025
Unlock underused parking in buildings	Explored but not complete – requires changes to zoning regulations
Improve parking enforcement	Completed in 2023
Let visitors and service providers park in residential spaces when it is less busy	Completed in 2024 for vehicles with Commercial Vehicle Decals. Technology improvements required to implement for broader groups
Add parking meters to some on-street visitor spaces	Completed in 2017
Convert some residential parking to visitor parking	Not Complete

APPENDIX C – West End Notification Letter



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March 13, 2025

Dear Permit Holder / Resident:

RE: Changes to the West End Area Permit Parking Program

Starting May 1, 2025, the West End permit zone will be divided into three separate permit parking zones: West End Plateau, Denman West, and Davie-Beach.

Permits for these new zones will be available for purchase starting May 1, 2025. Your current West End permit will remain valid for parking anywhere within the West End permit zone until it expires on May 31, 2025.

The process for purchasing a permit will remain the same, and residents with a valid Legacy permit will continue to pay that rate. If you move from one West End zone to another, you can still buy a new permit at the Legacy rate. These changes will not affect your current permit rate.

The new permit zones have boundaries that allow parking within a designated area based on your residential address. Denman Street and Davie Street are the new zone boundaries. After applying for your new zone permit, please ensure you park in the correct zone. Vehicles are prohibited from parking outside their designated permit zone and could be ticketed.

Please see the other side of this letter and the map on page 3 for more details on the upcoming changes.

Sincerely,

Parking Management Branch
Public Space & Street Use Division
Engineering Services
City of Vancouver

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Why a making changes to the West End Parking permit zone

In 2017, City Council approved dividing the West End permit parking zone into three separate zones as part of the West End Strategy. This change aims to make parking easier in busy parts of the West End, where parking spaces are in high demand.

Some West End permit holders drive to popular locations and park near shopping centres, beaches, and business areas. This makes it difficult for local residents to find parking, particularly during peak times.

By dividing the West End into three zones, we aim to alleviate these issues, make it easier for residents to park closer to home, and support the parking needs of visitors and service providers.

Where can I park?

Your new parking permit allows you to park in the designated area based on your address.

For example, if you purchase a West End Plateau permit, you cannot park in the Davie-Beach or Denman West zones. Permit holders that live on Davie Street or Denman Street must park on the side of the street that aligns with their zone permit. Parking outside of your permit zone may lead to your vehicle being ticketed.

A map showing the zone boundaries of these areas is on page 3.

I have mobility challenges and depend on parking outside of my new permit zone for doctor's appointments, grocery shopping, etc.

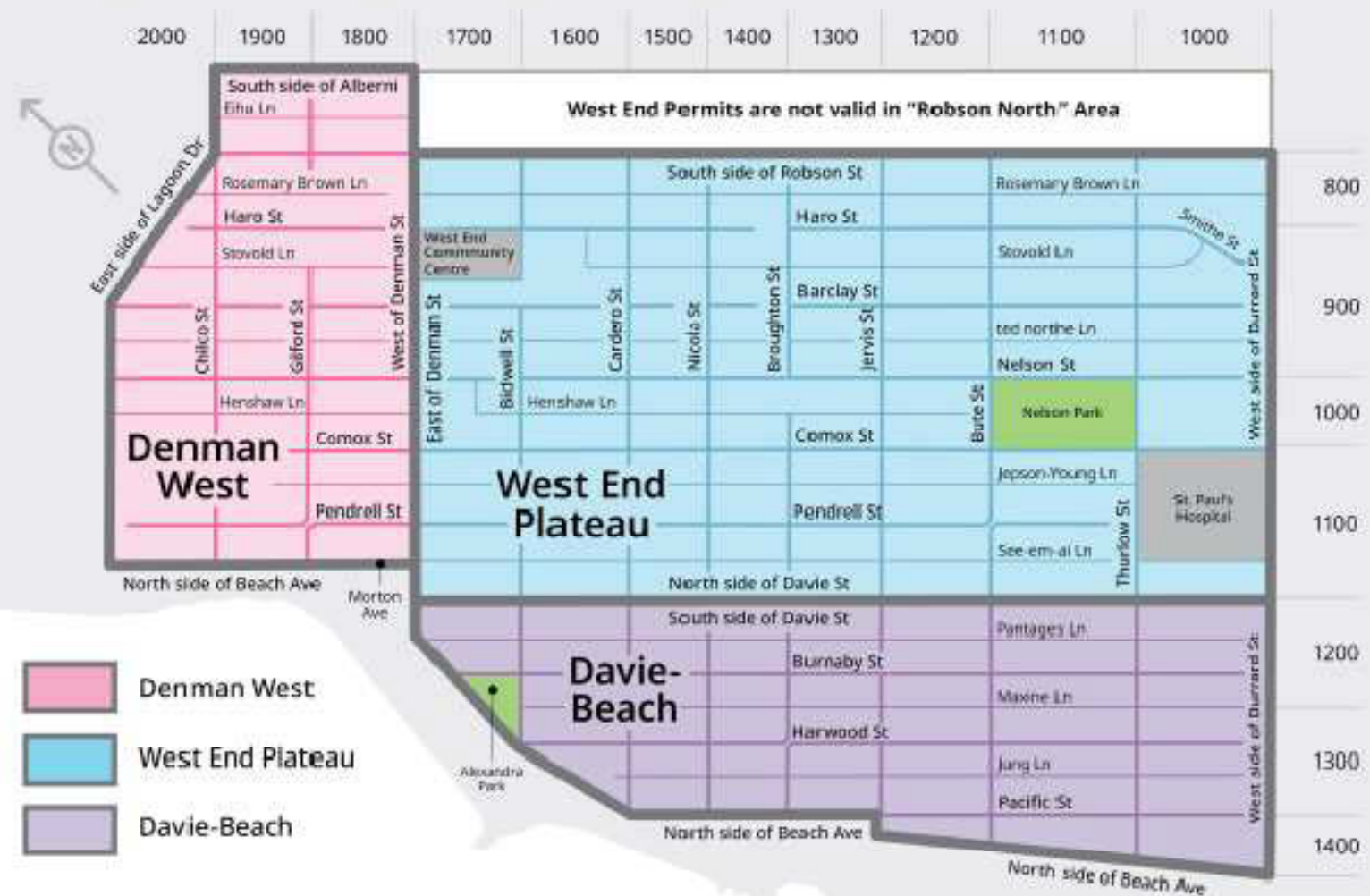
If you need to park in different permit areas, your vehicle must display a valid SPARC BC accessibility hangtag. The hangtag allows you to park in any permit zone for up to 3 hours and in No Parking zones for up to 30 minutes. You can apply for a SPARC at www.sparc.bc.ca.

Will the cost of a permit change if I live in a different zone?

The Legacy and market rate fees will continue to apply in all three zones. If you are currently eligible for the Legacy rate and move to a different zone in the West End area, you will still retain that eligibility. To qualify for a Legacy parking permit, the following criteria must be met:

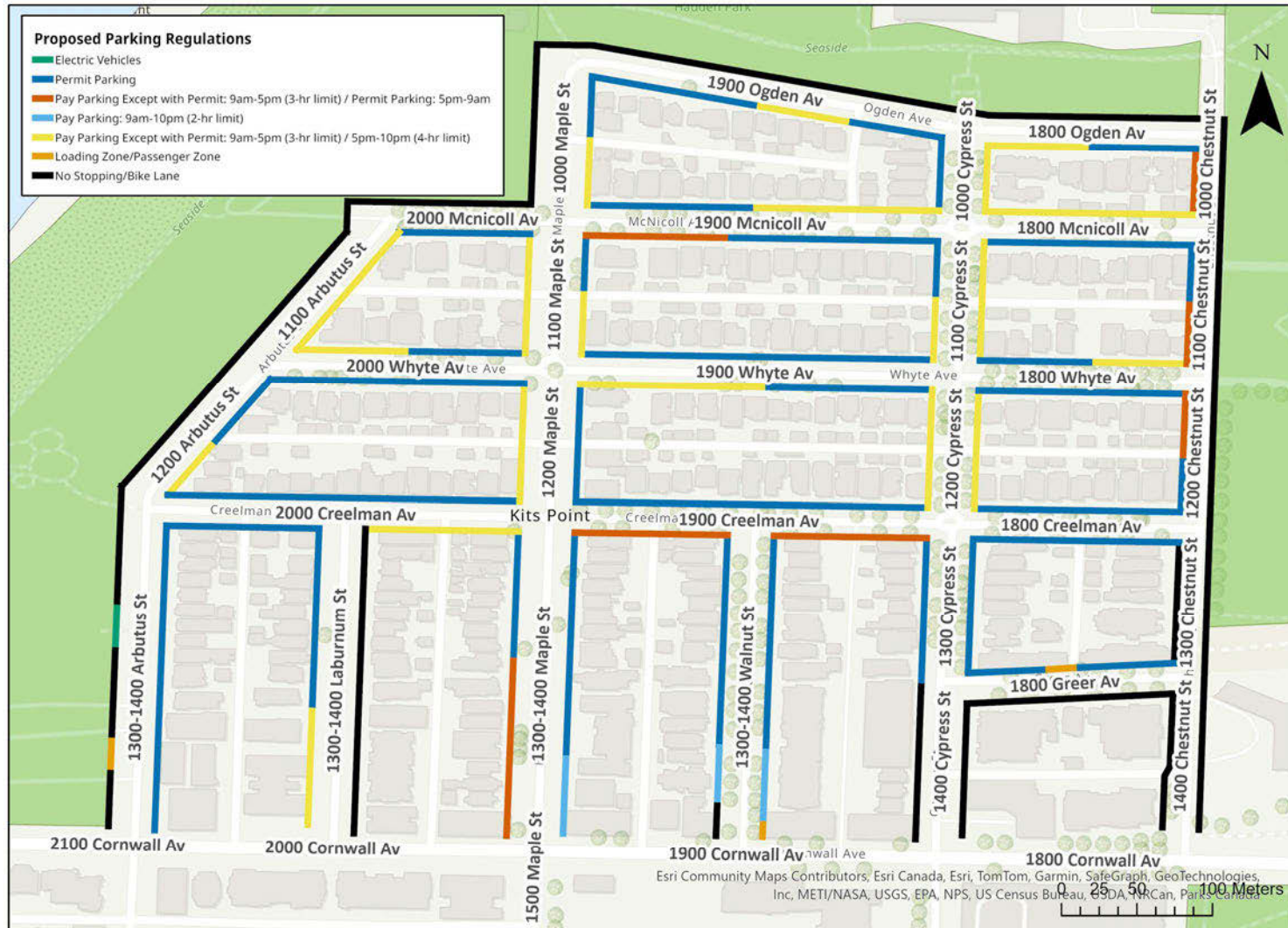
- Have valid ICBC insurance
- Are the registered owner or lessee of the vehicle and the declared principal operator.
- Purchased your permit before September 1, 2017.
- Your permit has not been closed or expired for over 90 days.
- In March 2019, Council approved a bylaw change that allows long-term residents who have lived in the West End since before September 1, 2017, and have never had a West End permit, to apply for a permit at the Legacy rate.

West End Residential Permit Zones



APPENDIX D – New Kits Point Parking Regulations

Kitsilano Point Proposed Parking Regulations



APPENDIX E – Removal of Resident Parking Only Regulations – Survey Status Map

