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ON-STREET PARKING			
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The purpose of this policy is to ensure that on-street parking is effectively managed through the articulation of clear goals, the use of appropriate regulatory tools and the use of evaluation criteria.

This policy clearly identifies on-street parking management goals, available parking management regulatory tools and evaluation criteria for implementing on-street parking regulations.

1. Goals of On-Street Parking Regulatory Tools

The on-street parking regulatory tools will be used on a site-specific basis to support the following goals:

- Improve livability in residential neighbourhoods;
- Maintain public accessibility to parks and other open spaces;
- Promote local commercial activity through increased turnover;
- Encourage travel by public transit and sustainable modes of transportation;
- Achieve fair and consistent parking management treatments across the Town;
- Complement and support the OCP and other Town policy documents; and
- Regulate on-street parking based on daily and seasonal variations in demand.

2. On-Street Parking Regulatory Tools

The following on-street parking regulatory tools are endorsed for use in the Town of Sidney:

- Time Limited Parking with/without Resident Exempt (RE).

3. Evaluation Criteria for On-Street Parking Regulatory Tools

3.1 Resident Exempt (RE) Zones may be considered based on the following criteria:

- Road classification: local and collector roads only are eligible for RE;
- Zone: only areas outside of Commercial, Industrial and Marine areas, as identified in the Town's Official Community Plan are eligible for RE;
- Demonstrated level of parking demand during peak periods: 75% occupancy required for RE consideration;
- Demonstrated support for on-street parking regulations: 67% support required by abutting property owners; and
- Regulation and enforcement periods established to suit parking demand variation by season of year, day of week and time of day.

3.2 Time Limited parking may be considered for the following areas:

- Within 300m of the Downtown Commercial area, as identified in the Town's Official Community Plan;

- In Industrial, Marine and Commercial areas, as identified in the Town's Official Community Plan;
- Around major trip generators such as public parks, civic buildings, libraries, tourist attractions; and
- In other areas with high-density mixed-use buildings.

4. Parking Permits

Residents/property owners of streets where on-street parking regulatory tools are in place may purchase permits (based on available parking supply and demand) exempting them from the parking restrictions:

- For their own vehicles; and
- For their visitors vehicles.

A maximum of one parking permits may be purchased for each residential address, and they must be renewed annually.