



## City of Richmond

## Report to Council

**To:** Community Safety Committee  
**From:** Sandra Tokarczyk  
Manager, Community Bylaws  
**Re:** **Parking Program – Bylaw Amendments**

**Date:** March 6, 2003  
**File:** 8000-01

### Staff Recommendation:

That the following amendment bylaws aimed at making the pay parking program more flexible, responsive and effective, be given first, second, and third readings:

- (a) Amendment Bylaw No. 7481 which amends Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403; and
- (b) Amendment Bylaw No. 7482 which amends Traffic Control and Regulation Bylaw No. 5870.

Sandra Tokarczyk  
Manager, Community Bylaws

FOR ORIGINATING DIVISION USE ONLY		
<b>ROUTED TO:</b>	<b>CONCURRENCE</b>	<b>CONCURRENCE OF GENERAL MANAGER</b>
Law .....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Transportation .....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	
Finance & Budgets .....	Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	

## **Staff Report**

### **Origin**

To improve the overall effectiveness and responsiveness of the parking program, a series of bylaw changes are recommended. Changes are proposed to the Traffic Bylaw which regulates on-street parking and the Parking (Off-Street) Bylaw which regulates the City's off-street parking lots.

### **Analysis**

A series of changes to the Traffic Bylaw (On-Street) are presented as follows:

### **Program Changes**

Currently block meter zones are established bylaw in the attached schedules. The change would grant authority to the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works to create or change block meter zones by signage. Council will be advised of these types of changes prior to implementation via an information memo.

### **Construction zone fees**

Construction zones permit a person to use a portion of a street as a loading zone for supplies or equipment during construction in exchange for paying certain fees. These fees do not currently take into account the loss of parking revenue or costs associated to patrolling this zone. The fees would be amended to from the base of \$300.00 plus \$30.00 per day for the permit duration and would now include a charge of \$0.25 per metre of roadway to which the permit applies.

### **Chalk removal to avoid parking time limits (non-metered areas)**

In areas where non-metered parking is limited to a certain maximum period of time, officers have observed individuals erasing the chalk mark from tires in order to avoid receiving a ticket. This has a negative impact on the vehicle turnover goal and is being used by individuals to avoid monthly permit parking. The amendment provides the officer an additional enforcement tool by which to deter this action.

### **Moving a vehicle within a block to avoid parking time limits (non-metered areas)**

To avoid parking time limits in non-metered, some individuals are moving their vehicles from one parking space to another within the same block. This has a negative impact on vehicle turnover and parking revenues from enforcement and monthly permit parking. The amendment provides the officer an additional enforcement tool by which to deter this action.

### **Valid number plates/valid validation decal/valid SPARC placard**

The enforcement of the requirement that vehicles display valid and proper number plates was the issue of a recent court challenge. The wording of the offence has been clarified and the relevant definitions have been tied to the definitions in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

The exemption from parking requirements for holders of SPARC placards (for the disabled) has been clarified by requiring the placard to be a "valid" SPARC placard. This will help avert potential ticket challenges and makes the wording consistent throughout the Traffic Bylaw and with the wording of the Parking (Off-Street) Bylaw.

A series of changes to the Parking (Off-Street) Bylaw are presented as follows:

### **Authority to Establish Pay Parking Lots**

Rather than have each City pay parking lot designated in the bylaw, the General Manager, Engineering & Public Works would be given the authority to establish pay parking lots by posting appropriate signage. This would permit greater flexibility in administration of the pay parking program and remove the necessity to pass bylaw amendments each time a change is made or a new lot established.

### **Pay Parking Rates**

The rates for each City-owned lot are set out in the bylaw by schedule. The Manager, Community Bylaws would be given the authority to establish the rates to be charged for parking at City pay parking lots. The City parking rates would be kept consistent with adjacent market rates.

### **Financial Impact**

These changes should assist in capturing additional revenue from the pay parking program which is currently being lost.

### **Conclusion**

The proposed amendments to the Traffic Bylaw and Parking (Off-Street) Bylaw will help with enforcement, allow for greater flexibility when dealing with changes to the parking program, enhance parking revenues, and allow for timely response to needed program changes.



Bruce Howie  
Parking Supervisor (4342)



## Traffic Control and Regulation Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 7482

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. The definition of “Block Meter Zone” in subsection 1.2 of Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by deleting the words, “**Council** or by a person duly authorized by **Council**” and substituting “the **General Manager, Engineering & Public Works**”.
2. Subsection 1.2 of Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by adding the following definitions in alphabetical order:

**NUMBER PLATES** means number plates as defined in the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

**PERMIT PARKING ZONE** means any streets or portions of streets designated by the **General Manager, Engineering & Public Works** as a street for which a **parking permit** may be obtained.

3. Clause (t) of subsection 12.4 of Bylaw No. 5870 is deleted and the following substituted:
  - (t) on any highway without displaying proper or valid number plates, including a valid validation decal;
4. Subsections 12.14 and 12A.6 of Bylaw No. 5870 are amended by adding the word “valid” before the words “SPARC placard”.

5. Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by adding the following as subsection 12.4A:

12.4A A person must not move a **vehicle** from one location to another in the same block in order to avoid the posted time limit for **parking**.

6. Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by deleting Section 12A in its entirety and substituting the following:

### **12A. PARKING IN BLOCK METER ZONE**

12A.1 Unless exempted by a **parking permit** issued pursuant to subsection 12B.1, a person may only **park** a **vehicle** in a **block meter zone** if:

- (a) payment has been inserted and a receipt obtained from the **block meter machine**;
- (b) the receipt has been placed inside the windshield of the **vehicle** such that the writing on the face of the receipt is clearly visible from outside the **vehicle**; and
- (c) the time for which a fee has been paid, as indicated on the receipt issued by the **block meter machine**, has not expired.

12A.2 The fee payable for **parking in block meter zones** between the hours of 9:00 am and 8:00 pm is \$1.00 per hour.

12A.3 A person must not:

- (a) **park a vehicle in a block meter zone** for any longer than the posted time limit;
- (b) deposit a slug or any object other than an accepted form of payment in any **block meter**.

12A.5 The provisions of subsections 12A.1, 12A.2, and clause (a) of 12A.3 do not apply to **vehicles** displaying a SPARC placard, as described in subsection 12.13.

7. Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by deleting subsections 12B.1, 12B.2, and 12B.3 and substituting the following and re-numbering the remaining provisions of Section 12B accordingly:

12B.1 The **Manager, Community Bylaws** is authorized to issue **parking permits** for **parking in permit parking zones** which may exempt the holder from:

- (a) the applicable time limits for **parking**; and
- (b) paying the fees stipulated in subsection 12A.2 for **parking**.

12B.2 A **parking permit** issued under subsection 12B.1 is valid only for **parking**:

- (a) in the **permit parking zone** for which the permit was issued;
- (b) during the hours specified in the permit; and
- (c) in the zone for which the permit was issued.

8. Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by deleting subsection 34.1 and substituting the following:

34.1 The **owner** of a **vehicle** is liable for any violation of the **parking** regulations in this bylaw, notwithstanding that at the time of the violation, the **vehicle** is unattended or in the possession of another person.

9. Subsection 35.1 of Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by adding "35B" to the list of sections.
10. Clause (b) of subsection 42.2 of Bylaw No. 5870 is deleted and substituted with the following:
  - (b) paying a fee of \$300 plus the following amounts:
    - (i) \$30 per day for the duration of the permit; and
    - (ii) \$0.25 per metre of roadway to which the permit applies; and
11. Schedule I to Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by adding "35B" to the list of sections under the heading "Level II. Other Parking and Stopping Offences".
12. Bylaw No. 5870 is amended by:
  - (a) deleting Schedules K, L, and M;
  - (b) re-numbering Schedule N as Schedule K; and
  - (c) amending subsection 7.2 by deleting the reference to Schedule N and substituting Schedule K.
13. This Bylaw is cited as "**Traffic Bylaw No. 5870, Amendment Bylaw No. 7482**".

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

---

 MAYOR

---



---



---



---



---



---

 CITY CLERK

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept. <i>PAK</i>
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor <i>LB</i>



## Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403, Amendment Bylaw No. 7481

The Council of the City of Richmond enacts as follows:

1. Clause (a) of subsection 1.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is deleted and substituted with the following:
  - (a) to **City property**; and
2. Subsection 2.1.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by deleting the words “in any of the areas designated in Schedule A” and substituting “on any **City property**”.
3. Subsection 3.1.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by deleting the words “in the areas designated in Schedule A” and substituting “on any **City property**”.
4. Subsection 4.1.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by deleting the words “in all areas designated in Schedule A” and substituting “on any **City property**”.
5. Subsection 5.1.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is deleted and substituted with the following:
  - 5.1.1 The **General Manager, Engineering & Public Works** is authorized to erect **traffic control devices** to designate any parking area on **City property** as a pay parking lot.
6. Subsection 5.1.2 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by deleting the words “any of the lots identified in Schedule C as pay parking lots” and substituting “a parking area designated as a pay parking lot in accordance with subsection 5.1.1”.
7. Subsection 5.1.3 is deleted and substituted with the following:
  - 5.1.3 The **Manager, Community Bylaws** may establish the fees payable for parking in a parking area designated as a pay parking lot in accordance with subsection 5.1.1.
8. Section 8.1 of Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by adding the following definition in alphabetical order:

**CITY PROPERTY**

means any property owned, leased, or otherwise held by the City.

9. Bylaw No. 7403 is amended by:
- (a) deleting Schedules A, C, and D;
  - (b) re-naming Schedule B as Schedule A; and
  - (c) changing all references to "Schedule B" in the bylaw to "Schedule A".
10. This Bylaw is cited as **"Parking (Off-Street) Regulation Bylaw No. 7403, Amendment Bylaw No. 7481"**.

FIRST READING

SECOND READING

THIRD READING

ADOPTED

\_\_\_\_\_  
MAYOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK

CITY OF RICHMOND
APPROVED for content by originating dept. <i>BA</i>
APPROVED for legality by Solicitor <i>[Signature]</i>