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Subject: Infrastructure and Environment Committee Item 22.2
A Strategic Parking Framework for the City of Toronto (Ward All)

City Council on June 25 and 26, 2025, adopted Item IE22.2 as amended and, in so doing, has requested the Toronto Parking Authority board to request the President, Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the Director, Equity and Human Rights, to report in the first quarter of 2026 on the feasibility of extending free parking at other times of religious significance in addition to Sunday mornings.

Yours truly,

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Attachment

Sent to: Toronto Parking Authority Board of Directors
President, Toronto Parking Authority

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TORONTO Decisions

City Council

Infrastructure and Environment Committee - Meeting 22

IE22.2	ACTION	Amended		Ward: All

A Strategic Parking Framework for the City of Toronto

City Council Decision

City Council on June 25 and 26, 2025, adopted the following:

1. City Council approve the Strategic Parking Framework in Attachment 1 to the report (May 28, 2025) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, as amended by Parts 2 and 3 below.

2. City Council delete Policy Action - F1.2, to "Consider delegation of certain decision making authorities to PAC" from the Strategic Parking Framework in Attachment 1 to the report (May 28, 2025) from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

3. City Council delete Policy Action C2.1, to "Introduce rates to all City-owned off-street parking lots that currently provide free public parking, including parks, community centres, libraries, and arenas," from the Strategic Parking Framework in Attachment 1 to the report (May 28, 2025) from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

4. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the President, Toronto Parking Authority, relevant Business Improvement Areas and other local stakeholders, to develop a pilot project on improved parking signage and report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the fourth quarter of 2025 with design options and recommendations to implement the pilot project.

5. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to work with the Toronto Police Service and the Toronto Parking Authority to develop additional options for temporary visitor parking permits in areas that already allow permit parking, including proof of payment options which do not require printing, and report by fourth quarter of 2025 on this work.

6. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in collaboration with the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to work with Toronto Parking Authority to determine how to create City parking capacity in new areas of density to support economic development and visitors and, in consultation with local councillors, identify areas where it is needed with a report back to the Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the third quarter of 2026.

7. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to:

a. implement additional accessible parking spaces by:

i. integrating accessible parking considerations into all analyses and decision-making related to the provision, removal, or reconfiguration of on-street parking spaces; and

ii. establishing guidelines to create a standardized minimum threshold - either a fixed number or percentage - of accessible parking spaces to be provided within any curbside parking zone;

b. present the guidelines to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee at its December 11, 2025 meeting.

8. City Council request the Toronto Police Service Board to consider marked improvements to enforcement of parking, stopping and standing by-law, especially those that contribute to Vision Zero and to consider providing that information to City Council through a report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee by the first quarter of 2026.

9. City Council request the Toronto Police Service Board to establish a consistent policy that provides a grace period on religious holidays for vehicles parking near relevant religious institutions during and around religious services.

10. City Council request the Toronto Parking Authority board to request the President, Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the Director, Equity and Human Rights, to report in the first quarter of 2026 on the feasibility of extending free parking at other times of religious significance in addition to Sunday mornings.

11. City Council request the Parking Advisory Committee (PAC), which is composed of divisions and agencies who manage parking portfolios, to work with local Business Improvement Areas and/or local councillors to develop solutions to address parking needs and concerns.

Summary

At its meeting of April 6 and 7, 2022, City Council approved the staff report titled, “Developing a Parking Strategy for Toronto” which recognized the need for a strategic approach to guide and support future parking related decisions at the City.

While many policies and regulations have been developed over time, there has not been an overall guiding direction on how to manage parking, its potential role in city-building and how all the various divisions and agencies should work together.

Transportation Services initiated the development of the city-wide Strategic Parking Framework in early 2023. The advancement of this Framework is a collective effort between several City partners that have mandates requiring innovation related to Toronto's parking systems and infrastructure. Managing parking effectively is an essential element to succeed in executing major city building objectives including achieving our net zero greenhouse gas emissions, land use planning and traffic congestion management goals. Parking also has a critical role to play in supporting people's needs, the City's vibrancy and commitment to the growth and commercial viability of key industries and businesses.

This report provides an overview and recommends a Strategic Parking Framework that consists of an interconnected set of policy directions and a program of actions to ensure that the City can effectively manage the complexity of the parking system now and into the future as Toronto grows, develops and evolves. The Framework identifies a series of ‘Big Moves’, associated policies and specific implementation initiatives required over the short, medium and long term to better align the value of the public right of way and city property with other critical city building goals.

In developing the Strategic Parking Framework, a study was undertaken which included a review of parking policies currently in place, best practice research from other jurisdictions, the governance of parking programs and numerous direct engagement sessions with many internal and external interest groups. These activities laid the foundation for the Framework which proposes six (6) 'Big Moves', twelve (12) policies and forty-four (44) associated actions.

Although the Strategic Parking Framework addresses many parking issues it does not cover elements associated with residential parking programs like permit parking, front yard parking and the use of accessible parking permits. Transportation Services recognizes that these issues are controversial within many city neighbourhoods, with longstanding practices and that is why a more comprehensive work program will be undertaken to review and advise on refinements to the residential parking programs through a separate report coming to Council in early 2027. With respect to accessible parking permits, work to address concerns relating to the enforcement and use of accessible parking permits will begin shortly, with a report coming to Council in late 2025.

Background Information (Committee)

(May 28, 2025) Report and Attachments 1 and 2 from the General Manager, Transportation Services on A Strategic Parking Framework for the City of Toronto
(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/ie/bgrd/backgroundfile-255806.pdf)

Background Information (City Council)

(June 23, 2025) Transmittal from the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee on Toronto Strategic Parking Framework - Accessibility Feedback (IE22.2a)
(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/cc/bgrd/backgroundfile-256799.pdf)

Communications (Committee)

(June 5, 2025) E-mail from Piotrek Sepski (IE.Supp)
(June 8, 2025) E-mail from Ionya Burton (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from Owen N Robinson (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from Margaret G (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from Julie Danielson (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from Armin Ale (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from Catherine Oliver (IE.Supp)
(June 9, 2025) E-mail from John Paul S (IE.Supp)
(June 10, 2025) E-mail from Kyle Laskowski (IE.Supp)
(June 10, 2025) Letter from Ian Klesmer, Director of Clean Transportation, The Atmospheric Fund (IE.Supp)
(https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/ie/comm/communicationfile-192444.pdf)
(June 10, 2025) E-mail from Thaddeus W. Sherlock (IE.Supp)
(June 11, 2025) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (IE.Supp)