

Residential Parking Program Review

Standing Policy Committee on Transportation

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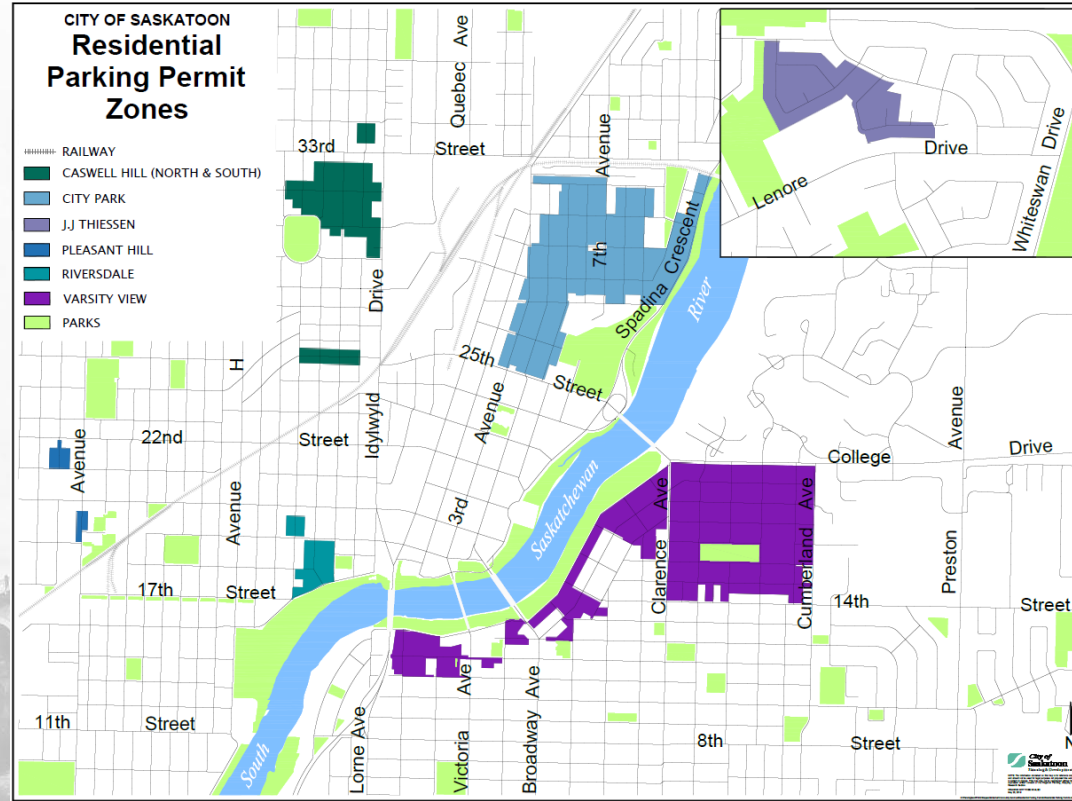


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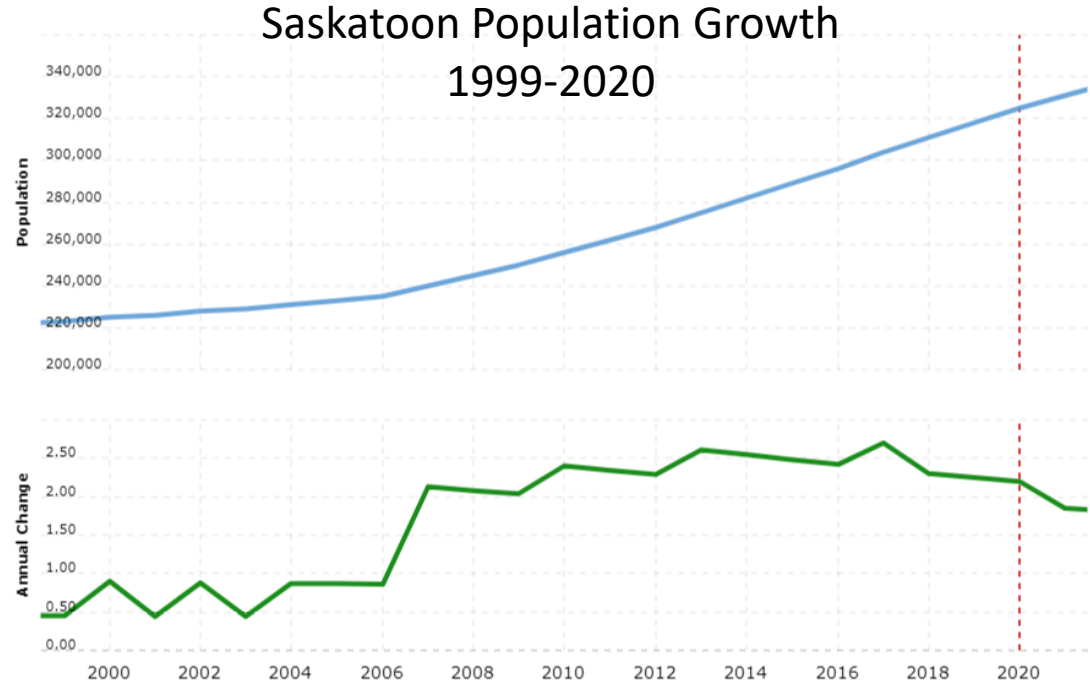
RPP Program

- Created in 1999 to address street parking congestion created by an adjacent hospital, educational institution or business district (Parking Generator)
- Limits parking of non residents
- 7 Zones (3 RPP, 4 LRPP)
- Guiding documents (Bylaw, Council Policy and an Administrative Policy)



Why Review?

- The program has not been updated since its creation
- The City has experienced rapid growth
- Concerns were raised after the last expansions in 2018



Objectives

The review was to:

- Modernize the program and address issues
- Confirm permits and criteria
- Establish an effective process for the creation/change of zones
- Identify bylaw amendments
- Identify opportunities to automate

Summary of the Review

The Review Included:

- Internal Administrative Review
- Municipal Scan (31 Cities)
- 2 Rounds of Engagement
 - Engage Page
 - 2 Surveys
 - 9 Open Houses
 - Targeted Meetings with Parking Generators
 - Approximately 650 participants

Summary of the Review

- The review resulted in a set of 14 proposed program modifications...
- Average of 83% support from survey respondents

Program Modifications

1. Zone Designation Process

- Current program uses a resident led block petition to establish or expand RPP zones
- Propose to add a step indicating the City will assist in:
 - identifying an appropriate boundary
 - petitioning those additional residents
- Minimize pushing parking pressure to the next block

Program Modifications

2. Consider all Streets

- Current program does not consider non residential blocks (parks, school grounds, etc.)
- Propose to consider including non residential areas in the zone, or for other appropriate parking restrictions

Program Modifications

3. Permit Limits for Residential Dwellings

- Current program has no limit on the # of residential permits per residential dwelling unit
- Propose to add a limit of 3 permits per residential dwelling unit

Program Modifications

4. Adjacent Non-RPP Blocks

- Current program - only residences in the zone are eligible
- Propose to allow eligible residential properties adjacent to an RPP zone to purchase permits
 - Minimize the impact of the RPP on adjacent streets

Program Modifications

5. Permit Fees

- Retain current fees of \$25 RPP and \$15 for LRPP at this time
- Assess fees after implementation of new technological systems

Program Modifications

6. Permit Eligibility (3 additions)

- *Non-profits / Institutions:* Continue to negotiate eligibility on a case by case basis
- *Businesses:* Continue to allow two permits for each commercial retail unit (CRU).
- *Contractors:* Enable contractors to purchase temporary visitor permits with proof of work in the area

Program Modifications

7. Multi-Unit Dwellings

- Propose to continue similar restrictions for multi-unit dwellings
 - Non-conforming dwellings would be eligible to receive permits
 - Clarify bylaw criteria

Program Modifications

8. RPP Sub-Zones

- Current program allows varying parking restrictions on every block
- Propose to establish provisions to create sub-zones for future use:
 - implement more consistent time restrictions
 - allow for issuance of permits valid for a specific subzone (to reduce in-zone commuting)

Program Modifications

9. Times/Days Parking Restrictions

- Propose to continue use of the current time and day restrictions
- Most common restriction 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday to Friday (2H)



Program Modifications

10. Enhanced Enforcement

- Heard that enforcement is generally adequate
- One additional enforcement unit added in 2019
- Propose to add provisions to allow cancellation/refusal of permits if abused (i.e. selling permits, using false documents)

Program Modifications

11. Parking Generators

- Heard that parking generators should be involved mitigating impacts and finding solutions
- Propose to continue to meet with representatives of the parking generators to discuss opportunities, address issues and share information

Program Modifications

12. Technological Solutions

- Current program relies on in person permit sales and display of physical permits
- Propose to pursue solutions such as:
 - online permit renewal/sales; and
 - automated recognition of permitted vehicles and parking restrictions for enforcement vehicles

Program Modifications

13. Communication

- Heard that communication material could be clarified
- Propose to review existing communication tools (i.e. website, brochures and signage)
 - Work with Community Associations, Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)

Program Modifications

14. Exemptions

- Heard that the City should have the ability to make exceptions
- Propose to add a provision to empower an exemption clause for unique circumstances
 - Delegated to the General Manager
 - Limited to approving an address to receive permits, or the number of permits per address

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Standing Policy Committee on Transportation recommend to City Council:

1. That the recommended program modifications respecting the Residential Parking Program, as outlined in Appendix 1 of this report, be adopted;
2. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendments to Bylaw No. 7862, The Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999; and
3. That the City Clerk be requested to repeal Policy C07-014, Residential Parking Permit Program.