

Veteran Parking Program consultation summary

Organizations consulted	
Royal Canadian Legion (SK Command) Veterans Affairs Canada Royal Canadian Legion Branch 362 (Louise St) Royal Canadian Legion Branch 63 (Spadina Cres) Anavets – Provincial Command Anavets – Saskatoon Unit #38 The North Saskatchewan Regiment	
Key themes from consultation	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 	<p>The differing eligibility requirements between the Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) veteran's license plate program and the City of Saskatoon's (City) Parking Program (Parking Program) create a "tiering" of veteran status. The Parking Program makes it appear that some "tiers" of veterans are superior to others.</p> <p>Some veterans feel that the veteran plate should be "good enough" to permit free parking in Saskatoon's pay zones.</p> <p>Confusion exists between veteran parking requirements in Saskatoon versus other Saskatchewan cities. Because of the stricter requirements around veteran parking in Saskatoon, some respondents stated that they believed Saskatoon does not care about its veterans as much as other Saskatchewan cities. This confusion can also create barriers for some veterans, especially those that come from out of town to Saskatoon for medical appointments.</p> <p>The City's Parking program definition of a veteran is different than the definitions from Legion and Veterans Affairs. The City's definition of a veteran has changed over time.</p> <p>The Parking Program creates additional paperwork for veterans to fill out. The application process was described as "cumbersome" and "confusing".</p> <p>The overseas service requirement of the Parking Program is not supported among veterans as most former service men and women did not have direct control over or a right to choose where they were deployed.</p> <p>The veterans in Saskatoon that do not have a Parking Program permit typically do not apply as they do not park in pay zones very often.</p> <p>The groups consulted were supportive of making adjustments to the Parking Program and relying on SGI Veterans' license plates.</p>