

Proposed Nutana East Limited Residential Parking Zone

ISSUE

This report proposes to create a new Limited Residential Parking Zone under the Residential Parking Program in response to a resident petition. The new zone would include three blocks within the east side of the Nutana neighbourhood.

RECOMMENDATION

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

1. That a new Limited Residential Parking Zone be created, as outlined in this report, using existing resources; and
2. That the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary amendments to Bylaw No. 7862, *Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999*, to accommodate the new zone.

BACKGROUND

Some residential areas in Saskatoon experience parking congestion due to nearby traffic generators, such as hospitals, post secondary educational facilities or commercial areas. The Residential Parking Program (Program) seeks to reduce parking congestion by applying time restrictions to on-street parking, while using a permit-based system to allow resident exemptions. The Program is governed by [Bylaw No. 7862, Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999](#) (Bylaw). The program has two categories of zones, residential parking zones and limited residential parking zones (LRPP). The difference between the two zones is the level of parking enforcement provided to ensure compliance with time restrictions.

The Bylaw states that designation of a zone must be initiated through a resident-driven petition process, with only one resident per household being eligible to sign in support. Upon receipt of a petition, the City of Saskatoon (City) must review whether a zone is appropriate in the subject area, with respect to the factors listed in subsection 4(7):

1. Whether the area is predominantly used for residential purposes;
2. Whether the area has a shortage of on-street parking; and
3. Whether the area is in close proximity to a parking generator such as a hospital, post secondary educational facility, commercial area or other parking generating use.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

Resident Petitions

In August 2025, the City received two resident petitions from blocks on the east side of the Nutana neighbourhood, seeking to create a LRPP. Parking Services verified the petitions for accuracy by sending letters to the residents and property owners in the mentioned area. To establish or expand an LRPP zone, a minimum of 50% of residents on each block must support implementing parking restrictions. The City confirmed the

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submitted petitions had the necessary level of support to proceed. The blocks which did not acquire the minimum support were excluded from the proposed zone.

A temporary hold on processing resident petitions related to the Program was implemented on September 25, 2025, to account for a broader review of the Program. The City committed to processing all resident petitions received prior to this date, including the subject petition in Nutana.

Parking Study

In consideration of the factors in subsection 4(7) of the Bylaw, the City conducted a parking study of the area to assess the level of parking congestion and determine whether congestion was associated with visitor or resident vehicles. The study identified moderate to high levels of parking congestion on the subject blocks at different intervals during the study period, which was found to be mostly visitor traffic linked to the adjacent commercial area (Broadway Avenue). Since the study zone is predominantly residential, exhibits a shortage of on-street parking, and is within proximity to a parking generator, a LRPP zone is considered appropriate.

Off-Street Parking Availability

An analysis of permit records and aerial imaging was conducted to identify available off-street parking within the proposed zone.

- 700 block of Main Street – 29 of 31 properties have at least one off-street parking space.
- 700 block of 10th Street East – 19 of 21 properties have at least one off-street parking space.
- 600 block of Dufferin Avenue – 5 of 5 properties have at least one off-street parking space.

While off-street parking availability is not a formal consideration in the creation of residential parking zones, this information was analyzed during the parking study as context for resident concerns. The primary concern of residents in the subject area is the availability of street parking for their visitors.

Factors Impacting Parking Congestion

Several factors may be contributing to parking congestion in the subject area. The transition of land uses from higher density commercial to low density residential commonly results in parking spillover from visitors and employees of the commercial area. Broadway Avenue has both pay parking and time restrictions in place to manage parking demand and promote vehicle turnover. It is common for these parking management tools to push parking demand onto adjacent streets where parking is unrestricted.

Limited Residential Parking Zones and Parking Permits

The LRPP zones operate on a compliant-driven enforcement model and may be of any size or shape. If approved, this zone would become the sixth LRPP zone under the Program. The new zone would apply two-hour parking time limits to the 700 block of Main Street, 700 block of 10th Street, and 600 block of Dufferin Avenue.

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Residents on these blocks would be eligible to purchase up to 3 residential parking permits and 1 visitor parking permit per dwelling unit. There are 102 dwelling units impacted by the proposed LRPP zone. Under the current program provisions, multi-unit dwellings which have adequate off-street parking are not eligible for parking permits. Two multi-unit developments within the proposed zone are considered conforming to off-street parking requirements and are therefore ineligible.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Signage and enforcement costs from the proposed zone will be covered through existing operating budget. Sign costs are estimated at \$4,739. The LRPP permits for residents are \$15 annually, with visitor permits ranging from \$5 or \$25 depending on whether LRPP permits have been purchased. The high end of potential revenue from the proposed zone is estimated at \$3,120 annually.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The Program is currently under review to ensure consistency with best practices and to address impacts from the removal of off-street parking minimums in the City's Zoning Bylaw.

Additionally, the City is launching a digital permitting system in 2026 to allow residents of residential parking zones and LRPP zones to purchase permits online. This system is expected to create greater efficiency for residents and City enforcement activities.

NEXT STEPS

If approved, an amendment to Bylaw No. 7862, Residential Parking Program Bylaw, 1999, will be initiated. Following amendment of the bylaw, residents will be informed of when and how to purchase permits based on expected installation of time restriction signage.

APPENDICES

1. Proposed Parking Zone Map – Nutana East
2. Resident Petitions and Parking Study Summary

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