



RPT 20-375

TITLE: University of Saskatchewan - College of Dentistry – Reserved Parking Stalls

DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: City Council - Special

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the request from the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry for five (5) parking stalls to be reserved for the College of Dentistry along 11 Street West known as meters 6E, 6W, 8E, 8W and 10 at no charge to the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry be approved.

TOPIC & PURPOSE:

To approve the request from the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry for five (5) parking stalls to be reserved for the College of Dentistry along 11 Street West known as Meters 6E, 6W, 8E, 8W and 10 at no charge to the University of Saskatchewan. The meters will need to be removed and the stalls will be immediately adjacent to the University of Saskatchewan Campus.

BACKGROUND:

The University of Saskatchewan (USask) Prince Albert Campus is moving and expanding into a new space: the building currently known as the Forestry Centre.

For the first time, programming that is taking place throughout the City will be together in one place, increasing opportunities for students in different programs to connect with each other and to access student services.

The University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry has requested that five (5) parking stalls be reserved for use by the College of Dentistry along 11th Street West with close access to the Prince Albert Campus.

An official grand opening of the USask Prince Albert Campus is scheduled for Friday, September 4, 2020, which signifies the opening of an important Campus for our community. The opening of such a Campus in midst of a pandemic will enable students to study closer to home and their families and will revitalize the downtown area. The grand opening of the USask Prince Albert Campus is maintaining momentum, excitement and connection with Price Albert and northern communities.

On September 16, 2019, USask President unveiled the campus' new exterior signage as well as renderings of what the renovated space will look like when it officially opens in fall 2020. It was quoted: "The new campus in Prince Albert will enhance our ability to provide high-quality post-secondary education to Indigenous and northern communities and will serve as an anchor for the university's emerging northern strategy. Our students, faculty and staff will benefit from an investment that promotes quality educational programs and student support services."

USask's College of Dentistry received \$1,050,000 from dentalcorp - the largest donation in the college's history—that will go towards to the construction and equipment costs for the dental clinic located in the USask Campus in Prince Albert. The clinic in Prince Albert will play a key role in improving access to oral health care services for priority populations in the community.

As such, the request from the College of Dentistry is being provided to City Council to consider as per the City's current Policy attached.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

The USask Prince Albert Campus will include the College of Dentistry. The College of Dentistry will be educational and as well as providing services to the Public and Community. The College will have dental chairs that will be utilized for training purposes. The College has requested that five (5) parking stalls be reserved along 11th Street West for use by the College.

The College of Dentistry was made aware during discussions with City Administration that the College would therefore be in charge of enforcing those parking stalls and ensuring that students of the University or anyone else requiring parking in the area did not utilize them as free parking for the day. They will need to enforce those reserved parking stalls for the services of the College of Dentistry.

As per the City's Traffic Bylaw, Council may by resolution designate any defined area as "Free Parking Area". As such, this report is being forwarded to City Council to consider the request of the College of Dentistry.

City Council does have the authority to approve motions that do not meet current Policy set by City Council. Therefore, City Council can make the motion to approve the College of Dentistry's request.

The Transportation and Traffic Manager receives requests regularly for exclusive parking stalls for medical and dental offices, retail businesses, restaurants, daycares, schools in the downtown (including First Nations University, Gabriel Dumont, Construction Careers) and homeowners. Only Council has the authority to designate reserved parking stalls.

CONSULTATIONS:

The Mayor and City Administration held meetings with Representatives of the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry regarding the request for reserved parking stalls.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

If Council approves the request, Administration will remove the five (5) meters and signage will be placed to illustrate parking for the College of Dentistry. As well, communication will be made with the College.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The City's Traffic Bylaw No. 1 of 2003 states the following:

65. Free Parking Area

a) Council may by resolution, designate any defined area as a "Free Parking Area" and:

- i. allocate any such area or part thereof for general parking or for the parking of a designated class or classes of vehicles;*
- ii. define the maximum time such vehicle may remain parked in such areas; and,*
- iii. authorized appropriate signage to be erected thereat.*

The City's Permanent and Temporary Parking Changes Policy No. 53.2 is to ensure that requests for parking changes are dealt with equally and to reduce the amount of routine requests being forwarded to City Council for approval. The Policy provides standards and guidelines for Permanent and Temporary Parking Changes with respect to parking vehicles within the City of Prince Albert.

The attached City's Permanent and Temporary Parking Changes Policy No. 53.2 states the following scope:

All changes to street parking within the City of Prince Albert, including but not limited to:

- (a) Parking changes within City of Prince Albert owned parking lots;*
- (b) Parking changes within the metered area of the Central Business District;*
- (c) Temporary parking changes within the metered area of the Central Business District.*

4.02 City Council is responsible for:

- (a) Approving the overall strategic parking policies and framework for the City;*
- (b) Approving bylaws and policies proposed by City Administration that support the strategic parking policies and framework.*

7.14 PARKING METER AREAS

(a) The installation, removal and/or time limits on Parking Meter Areas shall only be changed by approval by City Council Resolution before implementation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The cost to remove the five (5) requested parking meters is \$360.00.

The potential lost revenue from five (5) parking meters in a high demand parking area is \$5,500.00 per year. The potential lost revenue from lost ticket revenue is approximately \$5,000 per year.

By approving the request of the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry, City Council will be providing an in-kind donation to the College regarding reserved parking stalls.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no privacy or official community plan implications at this time.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Active & Caring Community – Revisit Downtown Strategic Plan.

OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:

1. That City Council charges the USask Prince Albert Campus – College of Dentistry a fee for the reserve of the parking meter stalls. The annual reserved stall fee is \$638.55 (2020 rates). The amount for five (5) stalls would equate to \$3,192.75.
2. That City Council denies the request from the University of Saskatchewan – College of Dentistry for the reserve of five (5) parking meter stalls.

The above options are not being recommended as the College of Dentistry will be training and providing dental services to the Public and Community. The College will be providing services that provides assistance to those in training for dental. The clinic in Prince Albert will play a key role in improving access to oral health care services for priority populations in the community; and the location of the USask Prince Albert Campus will revitalise the Prince Albert downtown area and bring people to the downtown area.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

PRESENTATION: None

ATTACHMENT:

1. City's Permanent and Temporary Parking Changes Policy No. 53.2.

Written by: Jim Toye, City Manager

Approved by: City Manager