



VANCOUVER
BOARD OF
PARKS AND
RECREATION

November 2, 2020

MEMO TO : Park Board Commissioners

FROM : Donnie Rosa
General Manager, Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

SUBJECT : **Veterans Parking at Park Board Sites – Board Briefing Memo**

Dear Commissioners,

The purpose of this memo is to respond to a Commissioner enquiry regarding the Park Board's policy on pay parking for veterans, as well as to advise you of a recent decision by City Council to offer veterans year-round free parking at City of Vancouver parking meters, which included a request for the Easy Park Board and Park Board to consider similar actions at their pay parking sites.

The Park Board establishes its pay parking policy and rates through the Fees & Charges report recommendations that are approved annually as part of the service planning and budget process. While there has been no specific policy established regarding offering free parking to veterans, in order to highlight and recognize their service to Canada it has been the practice to exempt those displaying a veteran licence plate from paying for parking at Park Board managed lots during the week leading up to and including Remembrance Day. As such, staff plan to continue this tradition in 2020 and intend to offer veterans free parking from November 4-11 inclusive.

It is our understanding that the Easy Park Board has approved offering year-round free parking to veterans at the City of Vancouver parking lots they manage, and City staff were directed to report back to Council by November 3, 2020 with by-law amendments to grant free year-round meter parking to vehicles displaying a BC veteran licence plate. Park Board staff will be presenting the proposed 2021 Parks and Recreation Fees & Charges at a Special Board meeting scheduled for Monday, November 30, 2020, at which time the Board will have an opportunity to review and revise pay parking policies.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Donnie Rosa", written over a circular scribble.

Donnie Rosa
General Manager - Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation

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