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### **Commuter Parking Lot Construction Commences in July and City Hall Parking Rate Changes**

**Maple Ridge, BC:** Work on a new commuter parking lot, located directly east of the Haney Bus Exchange, will begin in July and will take up to one month to complete. This new permeable surface lot delivers 128 new parking spots to address parking demands in the heart of downtown. Parking rates will be consistent with West Coast Express Park & Ride lots.

Effective July 1, decade old rates will change for both underground and surface parking lots at City Hall. There are also 100 spots available within a four minute walk of City Hall that offer free parking for one and two hour durations.

The successful introduction of the R3 Rapid Bus service resulted in a significant demand for underground parking structure by commuters, prior to COVID-19, limiting availability for customers at City Hall and the Business Tower. As we move into Phase 3 of the BC Restart Plan, transit ridership and parking demands are on the rise again.

“Council ordered the construction of the new commuter lot as an interim measure along with rate adjustments to manage the weekday demand for parking. This plan encourages commuters to use transit and recognizes the importance of supporting downtown events and activities on evenings and weekends. The new rates also fund development and maintenance of the new and existing parking facilities. Council has signalled future work to develop a comprehensive parking plan for the downtown core,” said Mayor Morden.

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#### **Background Information:**

New parking rates effective July 1, 2020

Monday to Friday:

\$1.00 per hour from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm (no hour free)

\$3.00 evening rate from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday, Sunday & Statutory Holidays:

One hour of parking is free (but you need to register your license plate)

Additional hours of parking are \$1.00 or a daily rate of \$4.00

All parking will be registered using license plate numbers versus the spot numbers.

**Commuter Lot parking rates**

\$4 per day

\$60 per month

Details on obtaining monthly parking in the Commuter Lot will be provided when the lot is nearing completion