

# Let's Talk Parking,

## The whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth

On-street accessible parking is very important to the survival of the Town Center Businesses. 41 of these parking stalls will be eliminated with Option 1 and 32 will be eliminated with Option 1 (a). These accessible parking stalls and the 4 loading zones cannot be replaced on side streets. 53 additional residential parking stalls will be eliminated along Esquimalt Road between Constance and Canteen.

The Esquimalt Integrated Parking Strategy (September 2023) guiding principles state 1. The curbside provides maximum public benefit 2. Sustainable transportation options are supported 3. **Public Parking supports diverse needs and uses** 4. **The public parking experience is safe and reliable.**

Census data identify that **26% of the population of Esquimalt is over the age of 60. This is a significant portion of the total population, who also have unique transportation needs and travel patterns.(2)**. The Official Community Plan 2018 set as one of its goals Encourage the viability of the business sector within Esquimalt.(2) Town Center Parking Improvements were highest for creating more accessible parking spaces to accommodate people with disabilities, expanding on-street restrictions to allow high-demand parking spaces to be used by more vehicles and providing more opportunities for integration with active and public transportation (2). **Action C.4 Expand and Modernize Accessible Parking. A key part of eliminating barriers and facilitating access is ensuring an appropriate supply and design of accessible parking spaces.(2)**

### **The Township information boards do not present accurate parking information.**

- The Township information does not state that the elimination of all the on-street parking through the Town Center eliminates the only truly accessible parking available in the Town Center.
- 40+ NEW time restricted stalls will be added: many of the stalls shown as being new time restricted stalls are very far from the Town Center and cannot possibly be considered parking for Town Center Businesses.
- Most of the 40+ NEW time restricted parking stalls are already time restricted except for the residential parking areas added on North and South Constance.
- It is false to propose that customers will consider parking on the north end of Constance and the south end of Constance near Lyall as replacements for lost street parking
- The new parking zones proposed on Carlisle will not be available once construction begins on the Boardwalk Rental building this spring and these parking areas will be lost for the two years the building will be under construction

- The areas in green on the Township information are already time limited parking areas
- The proposed loading zones on Commerford will not adequately provide service to businesses distant from Commerford such as Sunnyside Cafe, Errant Herbal and Vamp. The Loading Zone shown on the northwest of Commerford is in front of a fire hydrant (so it cannot be used) and the other on the northeast side of Commerford is barely 20ft long and is far too short for the 42 foot long GFS and Sysco trucks (parking at that site will block the driveway for the Panago building)
- Admirals Road **new time limited parking** is already time limited.
- **The Township's Option 1:**
  - 41 Town Center Commercial Parking stalls removed between Fraser and Constance, 53 Residential Parking stalls removed on Esquimalt Road from Constance to Canteen , 20 Residential parking spaces removed on Carlisle, 12 Residential spaces removed on Constance. In total 85 Residential parking stalls and 41 Commercial Stalls will be removed,**
- **The Township's Option 1 (a)**
  - 32 Commercial parking spaces and 85 Residential parking spaces are removed.**
- **The Town Center Business proposal will result in the removal of 34 residential parking spaces on the North side of Lyall Road and no removal of Commercial Parking Spaces.** Observations have determined that there is the ability for this parking to be accommodated on the south side of Lyall Street. In addition nearly all of the private off road parking areas of the homes along the North side of Lyall have the area to be able to accommodate the parking that is required by the single family zoning.

(2) Esquimalt Integrated Parking Management Strategy