

Town adjusts permit parking system after spots sell out

Public information centre to be held in early January

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Parking permit demand has "exceeded expectations," the town announced Friday, Dec. 9.

From the three downtown parking lots; Market Street lot south of Main Street, 6240 Main St. parking lot and 12 Edward St. parking lot, all the permit parking spots have been sold out.

The town has relocated seven permit parking spots from 12 Edward St. to the Park Drive lot.

"In doing so, we have addressed the need for the downtown businesses near Park Drive to have more spaces available for their staff, while at the same time, addressing the needs of the businesses near Edward Street who felt that permits negatively impacted their business," town spokesperson Glenn Jackson wrote in an announcement on Facebook.

With no permit parking remaining in the Edward Street lot it will have 3-hour free parking.

The town is planning a public information centre in early January where residents and business owners can express their concerns, comments or questions.

In November 2016, the town introduced a permit parking system intended to relieve parking difficulties and increase enforcement. However, a council meeting

on Dec. 6 revealed otherwise.

In a letter to town council, the Stouffville chamber of commerce highlighted some issues faced by the community regarding the permit parking system.

"While the chamber agrees with the objectives of the new parking policy, its introduction and rollout have been confusing, inconsistent and requires more public education," read the letter sent to council.

"The new policy is inconsistent with existing street signage. Main Street signage indicates a two-hour minimum while enforcement is applying a three-hour tolerance. Stakeholders have not been well informed prior to the implementation of the new rules. This lack of communication has caused confusion among landlords, tenants, building owners, business owners, employees, customers and clients."

Some business owners were present at the council meeting, where Mayor Justin Altmann delivered a presentation attempting to convince business owners to purchase parking spots for their employees.

On Dec. 9, the town released two videos on YouTube with Altmann, downtown co-ordinator Tina Sharma and economic development officer David Tuley announcing the parking adjustment.

The first video outlines the Edward Street parking adjustment, while the second mirrors Altmann's presentation at the Dec. 6 council meeting.

MAYOR WHITEBOARD



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Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Justin Altmann (left) and Councillor Rick Upton attempt to demonstrate to business owners the value of purchasing parking spots for customers at the Dec. 6 meeting. Dec. 6, 2016

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