

WELCOME

A Downtown Area Parking Plan update is being undertaken to plan for current, emerging and future conditions. A downtown parking plan was last completed in 2009/2010 and the area has experienced a significant amount of development and overall growth in the last 7 years.

The Downtown Area Parking Plan is part of a city-wide Parking Management Strategy which identified the Downtown area as a neighbourhood requiring a detailed area plan and will be based on the Council endorsed Guiding Principles.

Please take a few minutes to browse the topics and provide your feedback.

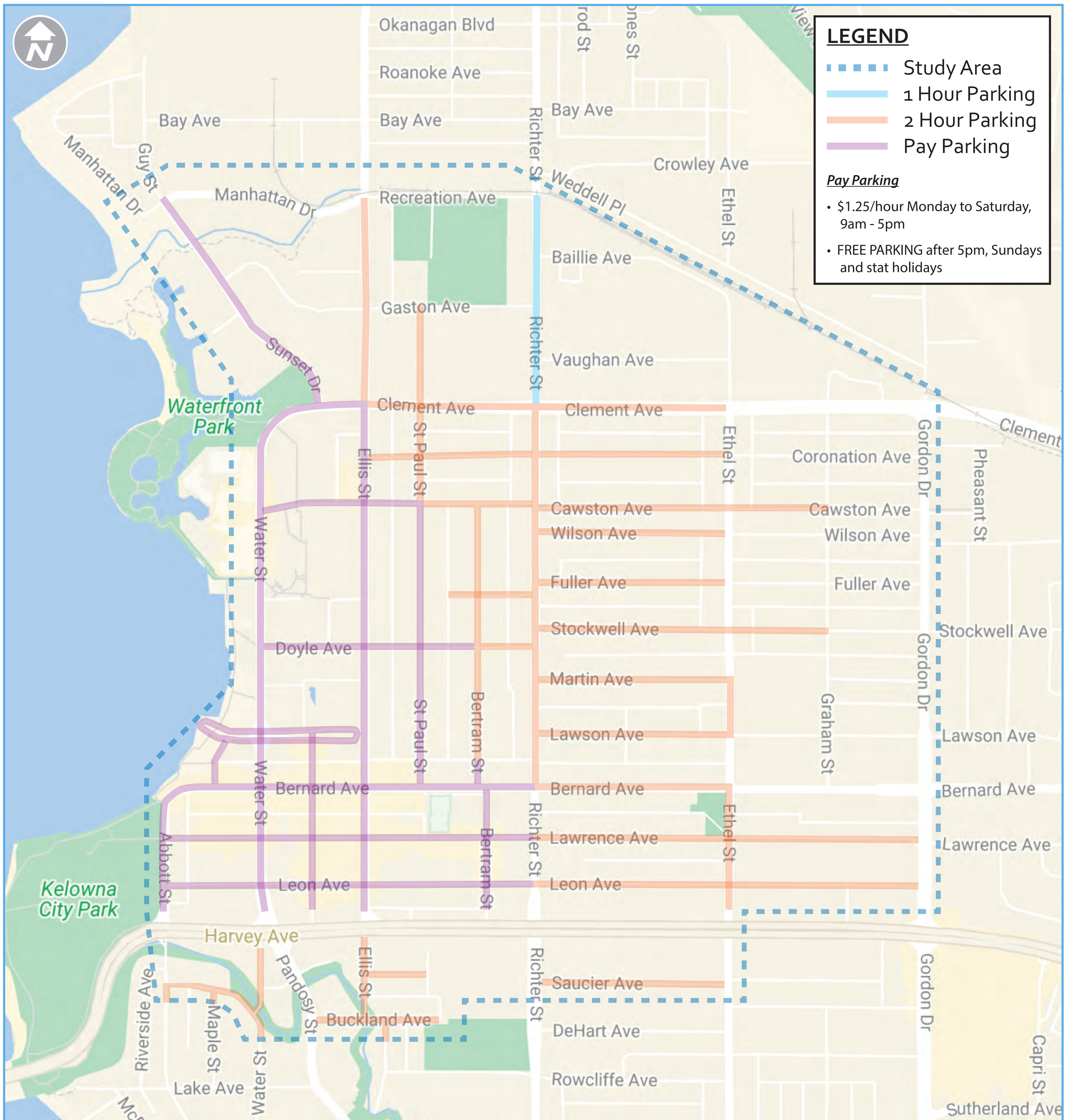


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EXISTING ON-STREET PARKING



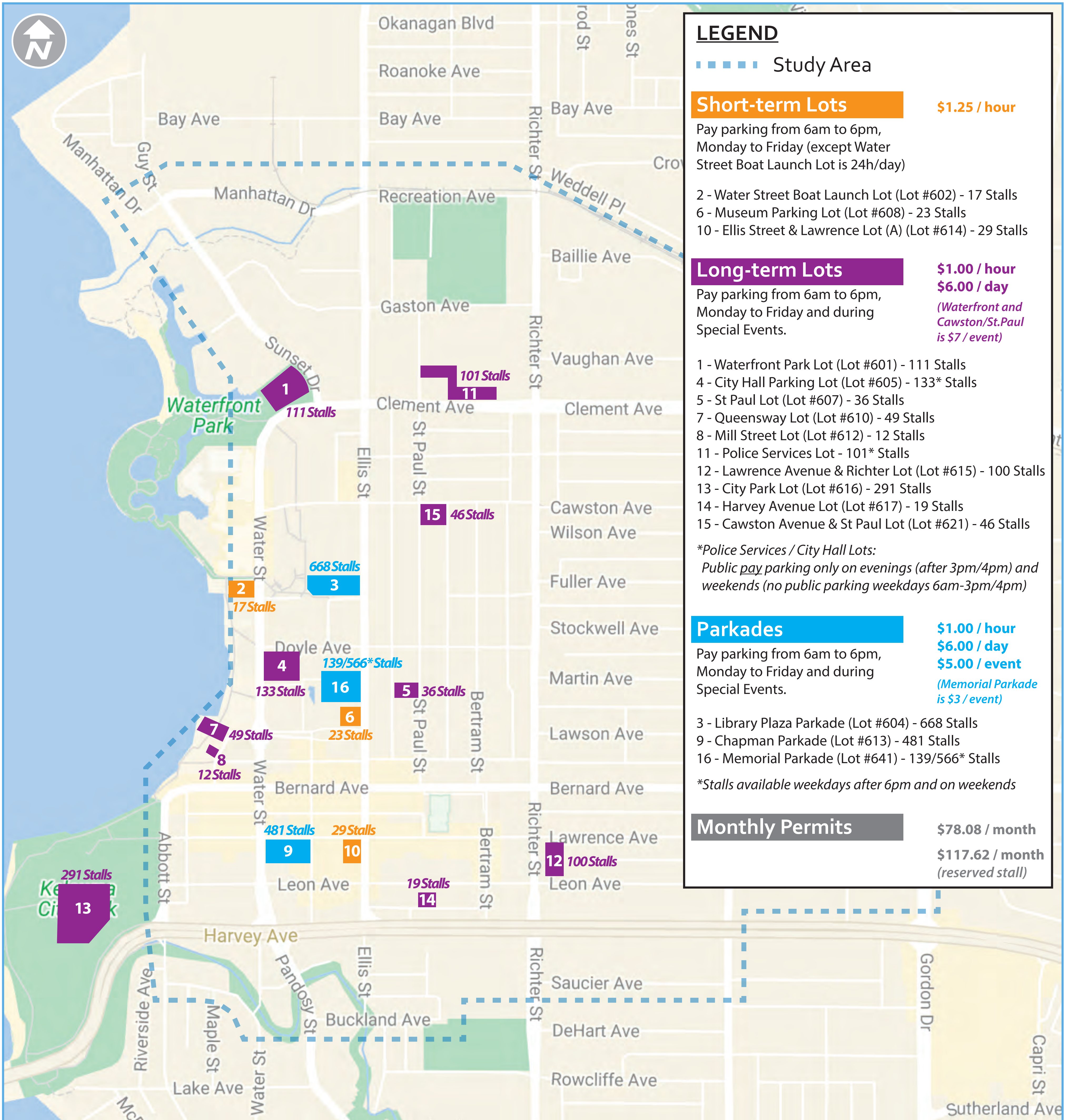
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT



FOCUS ON EXCELLENT SHORT-TERM PARKING

The City's goal is to provide better short-term public parking and move away from being the primary provider of long-term parking.



SELF-FUNDED PARKING SYSTEM

There are many costs associated with parking: infrastructure, maintenance, equipment, enforcement, upgrades, customer service applications, replacement, land acquisition, management and more. The parking system must continue to pay for itself so taxes are not used for future initiatives or infrastructure.



CUSTOMER SERVICE AND FAIRNESS

Payment options, fair practices and real-time information make parking more accessible, easier to find, eases (or lessens) enforcement and supports active business areas and balanced neighbourhoods.



WORK WITH INSTITUTIONS, BUSINESSES AND DEVELOPERS

Parking policies must coordinate with the private and institutional sectors to ensure efficient and economical ways to address parking and transportation needs.



SUPPORT A MORE BALANCED TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Parking is part of the larger transportation picture. We need to get serious about discouraging single-occupant vehicle congestion and encouraging other ways to travel. Inexpensive and plentiful parking will not encourage people to use transit, walk or cycle.

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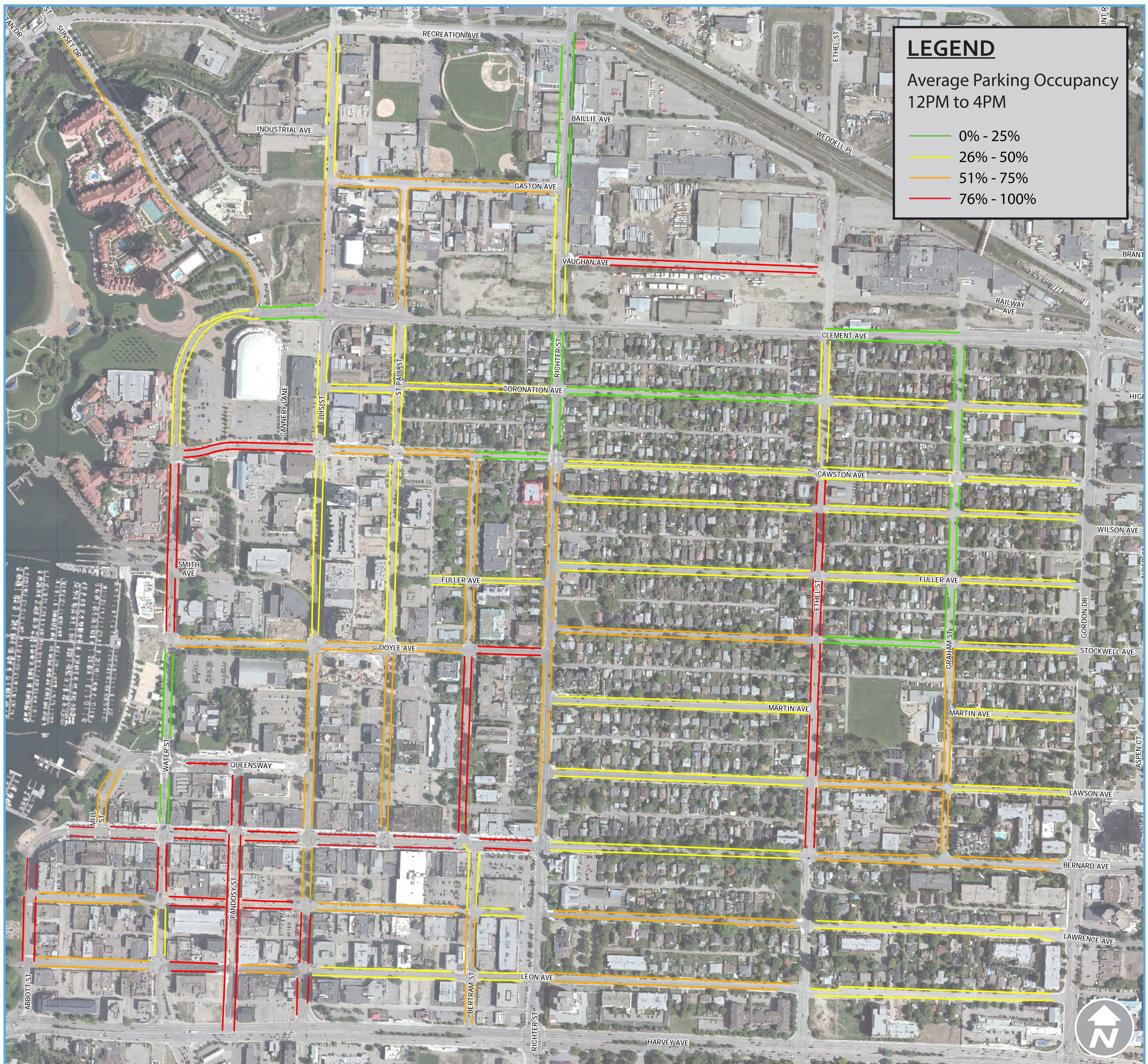
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CURRENT CONDITIONS

On-Street Occupancy



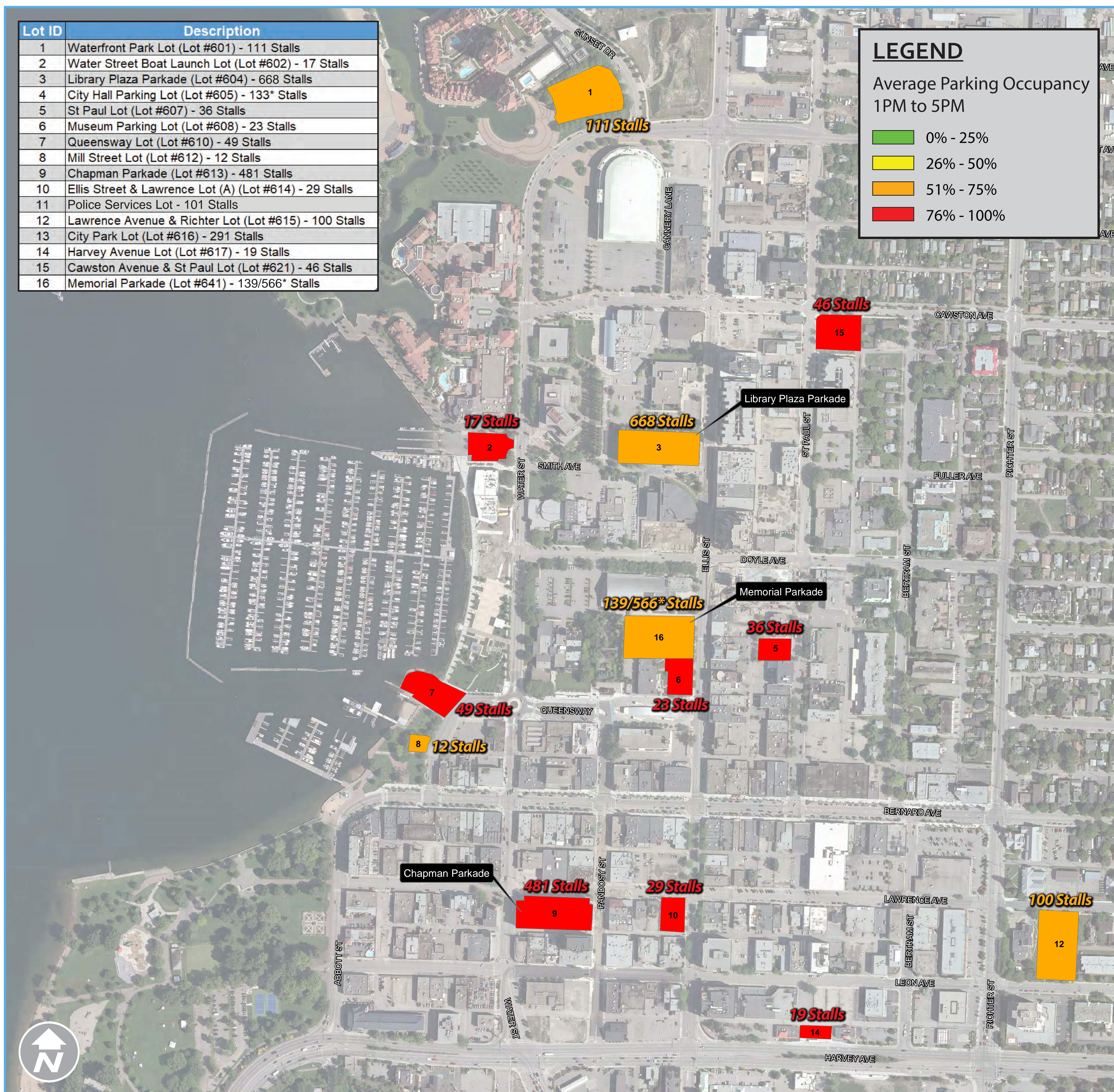
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CURRENT CONDITIONS

City Owned Off-Street Lots/Parkades Occupancy



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CURRENT CONDITIONS

Residential Unrestricted Parking

Early morning (6:20am to 9:45am) turnover data was collected in the residential area shown on the map. This area generally has no parking restrictions except as indicated on the map.

- ▶ 57% of vehicles likely belong to residents (present during the first pass between 6:20am and 6:50am)
- ▶ 25% of vehicles likely belong to people working in downtown (arrived after 7am and were still present at 9:45am)
- ▶ The vehicles arriving after 7am were concentrated on Fuller Avenue and Lawson Avenue

Early Morning Turnover Data Area



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CURRENT CONDITIONS

Evening Parking Turnover

Evening (4:45pm to 9:45pm) turnover data was collected downtown in the area shown on the map. On-street parking is free and not time limited in the evening.

- ▶ 61% of vehicles stayed 2 hours or less
- ▶ 21% of vehicles stayed 2 to 5 hours
- ▶ 18% of vehicles stayed the whole evening
- ▶ The shorter stay vehicles were generally concentrated in the commercial areas while the vehicles staying the whole evening were generally concentrated in the residential areas.



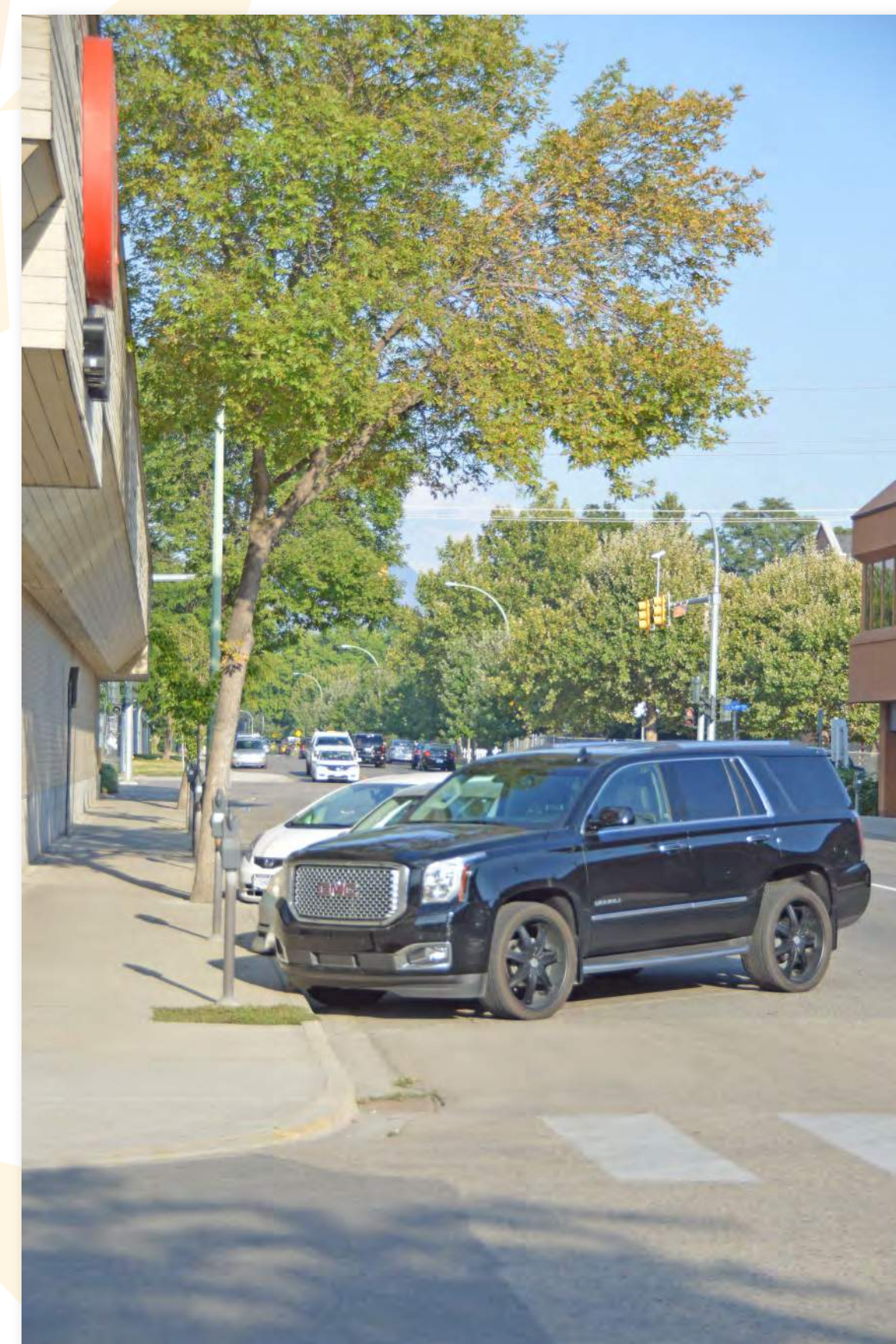
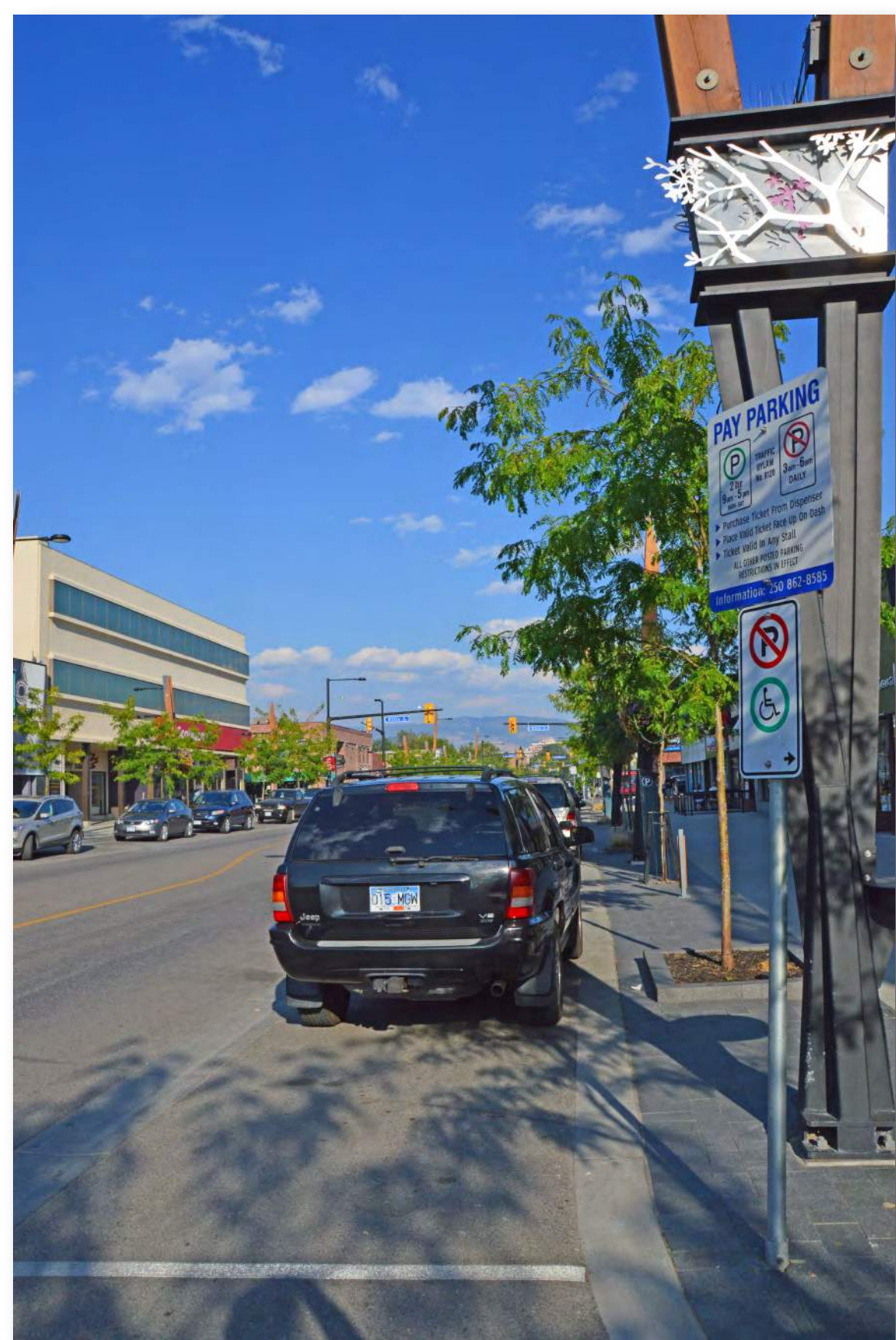
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NEXT STEPS

- ▶ Finalize data collection (i.e. additional parking occupancy/turn-over surveys for any data gaps)
- ▶ Prepare a draft Downtown Parking Plan
- ▶ Host public open house #2
- ▶ Prepare a summary of all feedback and comments
- ▶ Prepare final Parking Plan
- ▶ Present to Council



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