



City of Prince Albert

RPT 2025-403

TITLE: Parking Rates 2026-2028

DATE: October 10, 2025

TO: Budget Committee

PUBLIC: X

INCAMERA:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That parking lot rates be increased by 2% per year for 2026, 2027, and 2028;
2. That leased parking lot rates be increased by 2% per year for 2026, 2027, and 2028; and that an administration fee of \$300 be charged in addition to the leased parking stall rate to account for the cost of creating custom signage for parking stalls, sign installation, and administration fees; and,
3. That parking meter rates in downtown Prince Albert be increased 0.25¢ per hour, to a total hourly rate of \$1.50, starting January 2026.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The current fee structure outlining rates for parking lot permits and leased parking stalls is set to expire at the end of 2025. Rates have typically been determined on a five-year fee structure accounting for an annual inflationary increase; however, administration is recommending a three-year fee structure to the end of 2028 to allow for a further review of parking operations, including mobile upgrades.

The following rates recommended in the table below are based on current demand for parking options that meet a variety of needs, including annual rates for leased parking stalls. The recommended rates included in this report are in line with rates in other communities across the province.

Administration is reviewing opportunities to update parking options at meters and City-owned parking lots to better suit customer needs and make it easier for the public to park in downtown Prince Albert. This includes plans for a mobile parking app to allow drivers to park at meters without the need for coins or meter cards, while also providing an option to pay for space in any of the City's parking lots without the need to come into City Hall to purchase a hard-copy parking permit.

BACKGROUND:

Parking rates are approved by Council and were last approved in September 2019, for 2020 to December 2025, and supported a 2% increase to parking fees each year.

Feedback has been consistently provided from the public, including post-secondary students, businesses, and organizations located downtown that hard-copy parking permits and current payment options are an inconvenience and that the City should explore mobile parking payment options, where drivers could simply enter their parking lot location and licence plate into the app, rather than coming into City Hall to purchase a permit.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND RATIONALE:

Parking lot rates in Prince Albert remain among the lowest in the province and across other communities of similar size.

Proposed Downtown Parking Lot Rates to 2028

	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly	\$74.58	\$76.05	\$77.59	\$79.14
4 Months (per month)	\$66.38	\$67.71	\$69.06	\$70.44
8 Months (per month)	\$58.92	\$60.10	\$61.30	\$62.53
12 Months (per month)	\$55.98	\$57.10	\$58.24	\$59.41

Saskatchewan Polytechnic 14 Street East Lot Only

	2025	2026	2027	2028
Monthly	\$60.00	\$61.20	\$62.42	\$63.67
Weekly (Kiosk)	\$25.00	\$25.50	\$26.01	\$26.53
Daily (Kiosk)	\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.31

Prince Albert Downtown Leased Parking Lot Stall – Purchased Annually

	2025	2026	2027	2028
Annual	\$705.01	\$719.11	\$733.49	\$748.16

Administration is recommending an administrative application fee of \$300 per request for leased parking stalls to account for the creation of custom signage for leased stalls, sign installation, and administration fees.

Parking Meter Rates in Downtown Prince Albert

Administration is recommending an increase of 0.25¢ to the hourly parking meter rate in downtown Prince Albert, starting in January 2026 and continuing in 2027 and 2028. The current rate is \$1.25 per hour at all parking meters downtown. The updated rate would be \$1.50 per hour, if approved.

For comparison, the rates in other communities are as follows:

Moose Jaw	\$1/hour (off main street) & \$2/hour (core area)
Yorkton	\$2.00/hour
Saskatoon	\$2.50/hour
Regina	\$2.00/hour

For comparison, the price for non-electrified parking lots in several other communities are detailed below.

	Monthly	3 Months	6 Months	12 Months
Moose Jaw	\$78.00 + GST			
Yorkton	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$60	\$100.00
North Battleford				\$420.00 + GST
Regina	\$71.50 - \$335.00			
Saskatoon	\$85.00 - \$225.00			

Administration is pursuing app-based payment options for downtown parking, which will be implemented in early 2026. This will enable residents to purchase permits and extend parking sessions remotely and will create efficiencies for parking enforcement. The app will also enable different zones downtown so that parking on roads adjacent to Central Avenue can be extended beyond a two-hour limit.

CONSULTATIONS:

Students, business owners, and residents have routinely requested alternatives to hard-copy parking passes and coin meters or parking cards downtown. The introduction of a mobile app to manage parking would make it more convenient for drivers to visit downtown Prince Albert. The app would allow drivers to park at either on-street meters or parking lots and also extend their stay if needed using just their mobile phone.

COMMUNICATION AND/OR ANNOUNCEMENT PLAN:

If approved, the updated parking rates would be communicated to residents on the City of Prince Albert website, the online parking brochure, and in person through the Solutions Hub at City Hall.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

A 2% increase in parking lot and leased stall rates, along with a 0.25¢ increase in meter rates would provide additional revenue.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS/IMPLICATIONS:

There are no other policy, privacy, safety, or environmental implications for consideration with this report.

OPTIONS TO RECOMMENDATION:

There is no option to the recommendations provided for consideration in this report.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

This proposal supports the Strategic Plan goal of Technology Advancement by investing in information technology that maximizes efficiencies and makes parking more convenient for residents and visitors to access.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN:

This plan aligns with the Official Community Plan policy of reviewing parking meter supply and rates in the City's downtown area on a regular basis with the goal of meeting downtown parking demands.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Public Notice pursuant to the Public Notice Bylaw No. 24 of 2015 is not required.

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