

Park Smart

Don't Leave It Up to Chance

Strategies for a Positive Downtown Dartmouth Parking Experience

The Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission knows parking in Downtown Dartmouth can sometimes be challenging. We would like to give you this guide containing helpful tips and strategies for making parking a little less difficult.

We also want to thank you for coming to Downtown Dartmouth.

Sincerely,



Tim Olive
Executive Director
Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission

The Facts about Parking in Downtown Dartmouth

It's easier to park by the rules when you know the facts

- There are 199 metered parking spaces in Downtown Dartmouth.
- Business owners and their employees, as well as customers and clients all want to park as close to their destination as possible. It is important to generate parking turnover at regular intervals so that all motorists have an equal opportunity to access short-term, on-street parking.
- An effective parking control and enforcement program is important to the success and viability of a business and commercial district. Parking meters are more effective than signs in generating parking turnover.
- All on-street metered parking is free between 6:00 pm and 8:00 am and on weekends and holidays.
- When "special events" occur in Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM), such as a parade, a film shoot, fireworks, tree lighting or construction zones, parking in those areas becomes restricted.
- HRM boasts one of the lowest monthly parking rates of any city in Canada (averaging \$145.00 monthly).
- The cost to park at a meter is \$1.00 per hour in Downtown Dartmouth and \$2.00 per hour on the Dartmouth Waterfront.

The Rules for On-Street Parking

What do the coloured meters mean?

For convenience in the Downtown Dartmouth area, the meter caps are colour coded according to the maximum time they allow for parking:
Silver – 90 minutes Green – 2 hours

How do I get the most out of paying the meter?

Meters take any combination of 5¢, 10¢, 25¢, \$1.00 or \$2.00 coins. Maximum available time for the meter is indicated on the face of the meter. The meter does not accumulate time by depositing more coins. Only deposit the required coins for the maximum time on the correct meter. For example: If you deposit a \$2.00 coin in a meter with a maximum time limit of 30 minutes, you will only receive 30 minutes of paid parking.

How do I use a loading zone?

A loading zone is only in effect on weekdays between the hours 6:00 am and 6:00 pm; they are available for general public parking at all other times. Parking in a loading zone during unauthorized times will result in your vehicle being either ticketed or towed. Please make note of the times they are in effect.

How much are parking meter fines?

HRM will accept the current early payment fine of \$20 if the meter violation is paid within seven days of issue. After the seven days the fine amount is \$25.

How much are Motor Vehicle Act violation fines?

Parked overtime specified on sign, penalty is \$25
Obstructing snow removal, penalty is \$50
Accessible parking, penalty is \$100
HRM approved fire lanes, penalty is \$100

How do I pay my parking ticket?

HRM will accept payment of parking tickets through the following options:

Online: HRM website (www.halifax.ca) with quick link to parking tickets

Telephone: 490-4000 – 7:00 am - 11:00 pm, 7 days a week

Mail: P.O. Box 1749, Halifax, NS, B3J 3A5

In Person: HRM Customer Service Centre – in Downtown Dartmouth, the HRM Customer Service Centre is in Alderney Gate, 40 Alderney Drive.

I got a ticket that I believe I didn't deserve, what do I do?

If you wish to dispute any ticket, a review form may be accepted, for certain circumstances, at the Customer Service Centre location listed above. Results of the review will be available seven working days from submission. For further information, call the HRM Call Centre at 490-4000 or toll free at 1-800-835-6428 (in Nova Scotia).

Can I park on the street when it snows?

Transportation and Public Works crews want to get Nova Scotia's roads plowed as quickly as possible when it snows. Winter parking regulations are generally from mid-December to the end of March. While the overnight winter parking ban is not usually implemented until mid-December, the starting and ending dates of the ban will be determined by prevailing weather conditions and will be widely communicated through media well in advance of implementation. During this period, parking vehicles between 1:00 am and 7:00 am is restricted on streets in most communities under the Transportation and Public Works authority. During the winter months tickets can be issued for Obstruction Snow Removal (s. 139 of the Motor Vehicle Act).

Common Myths... about Downtown Dartmouth Parking

Myth Parking in Downtown Dartmouth is way too costly.
Reality Parking in Downtown Dartmouth is actually more cost-effective than most urban centers.

Myth Whenever I come to Downtown Dartmouth, there is never any place to park.

Reality There are over 190 parking meters and 17 parking lots.

Myth I can't park close to the store I want to visit.
Reality With metered parking on most Downtown Dartmouth streets, you are probably taking fewer steps from your car to the store than you would at a mall.

Myth It's okay to stay past the time on the meter as long as I keep feeding the meter change.

Reality It is violation of the Parking Meter By-Law P-500 to park for longer than the maximum period allowed regardless of the number of coins deposited.

Myth Parking commissioners watch my car and wait for the meter to expire so they can issue a ticket.

Reality Parking commissioners would much rather you "park smart" and not get a ticket at all.

Have a Strategy

Parking meter or on-street parking alternatives:

Sometimes parking meters or signs that display specific amounts of timed parking might not be sufficient for you if you have errands, meetings or appointments that might run longer than you expect. Within HRM, there are many private parking lots which offer hourly parking to the public. They appear to be more expensive than at a meter but, if you add the cost of a parking ticket, it would be cheaper to park in a private lot. In addition, a vehicle that parks over the allotted time without being removed, can receive multiple tickets under the by-law.

Handy tips before you go:

Check out a few parking options before you leave. Visit www.downtowndartmouth.ca for a complete list of parking lots available in Downtown Dartmouth. Also, see the map in this brochure.

Call your destination before you leave and ask if they have visitor parking or validated parking.

Keep spare change hidden in your car in case of a meter emergency.

Locate your parking spot ahead of time:

Coming to an event in Downtown Dartmouth? Beat the rush by coming early to secure a great parking spot – and while you wait, dine or shop at any of the unique locations.

Not sure how long you'll be in Downtown Dartmouth? Don't risk getting caught in the red. Instead, park in one of the convenient, public parking lots located in Downtown Dartmouth.

Consider alternatives to parking in Downtown Dartmouth:

Walk, bike, carpool, bus or take the ferry instead. Bike parking is available at various locations in Downtown Dartmouth. For bus and ferry schedules, visit www.halifax.ca/metrotransit.

Park and Ride with Metro Transit. Leave your vehicle at one of the 13 Park and Ride locations throughout metro. Visit www.halifax.ca/metrotransit for more information.

visit our website
www.downtowndartmouth.ca

Easy and Convenient Downtown Dartmouth Parking Services

Downtown Dartmouth Business Commission 466-2997
Monthly: Alderney Drive (2 Lots) \$57.00
Canal Street \$57.00
Total Spaces: 80

Citigroup Properties 464-7777
Monthly: Belmont House and Edward Street Lots \$69.00
Alderney Gate \$69.00
King Street \$57.50

Hourly: \$1.50 per hour
Total Spaces: 129

Kiwanis Club 434-2199
Monthly: Pine Street Lot \$40.00
Total Spaces: 70

Moffatt's Pharmasave 466-2345
Monthly: Canal Street \$55.00
Hourly: \$1.25 per hour
Total Spaces: 14

Dartmouth Waterfront 461-4698
(Managed by Alderney Landing Corp.)
Monthly: Alderney Gate \$60.00*
Metro Transit Park 'n Ride \$30.00*

Hourly: Limited spaces \$2.00 per hour/\$10.00 maximum daily
Total Spaces: 160

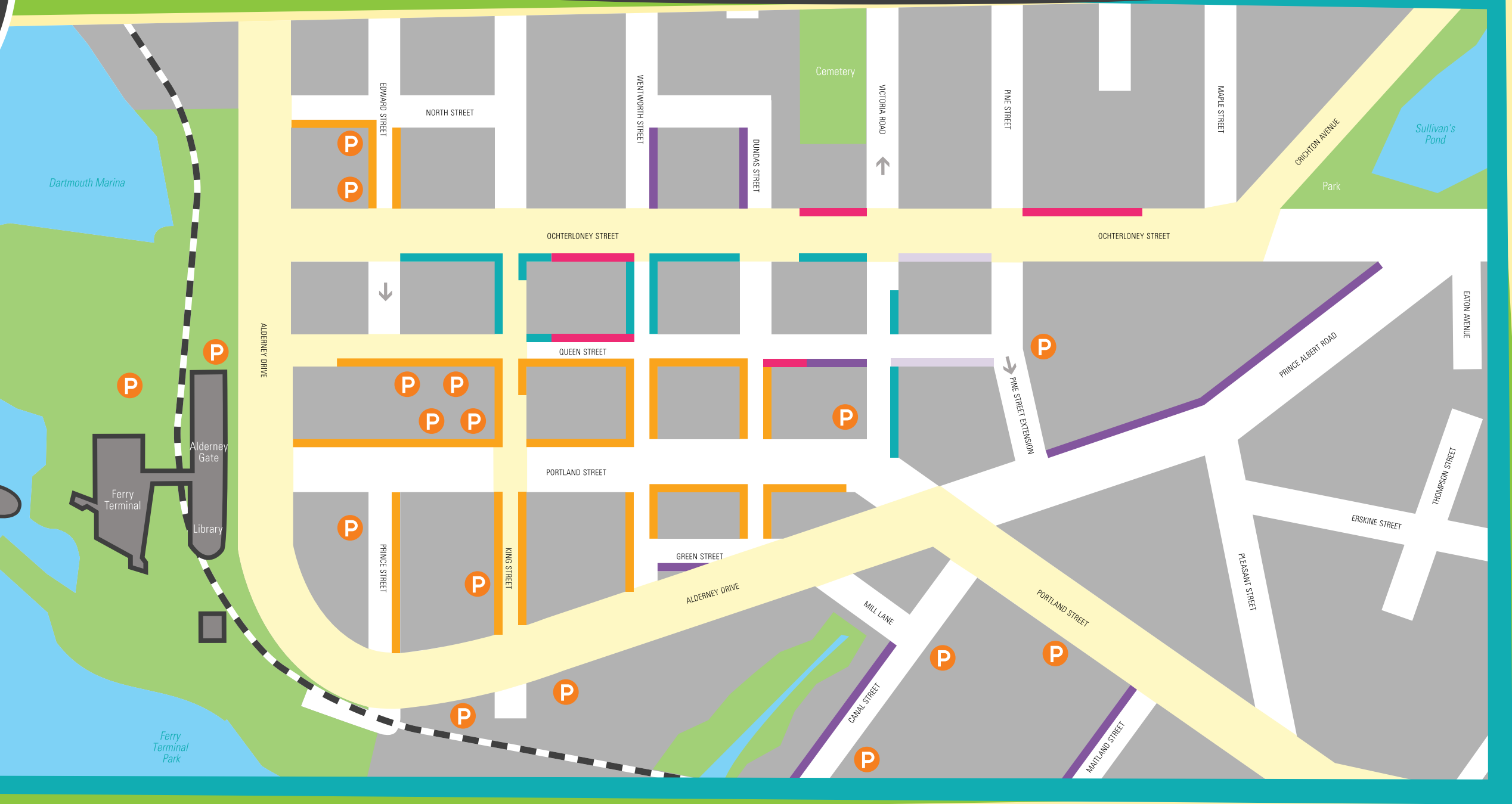
Royal Bank, Portland Street 425-9032
(Managed by Northwest Properties)
Monthly: King Street \$65.22
Hourly: King Street up to \$8.00 per day
Total Spaces: 125

Urchin Property Management 469-5449
Monthly: Prince St., King St., Queen St., Alderney Dr \$90.00
Hourly: Prince St., King St., Alderney Dr \$2.00 per hour
\$8.00 maximum daily
Total Spaces: 170

Downtown Parking Limited, Queen Street 434-9600
Monthly: Queen Street \$75.00
Hourly: Queen Street \$2.00
Total Spaces: 65

* Conditions apply.

Where to Park in Downtown Dartmouth



Legend

- 90 minute parking meters
- 2 hour parking meters
- 15 minute non-metered parking
- 1 hour non-metered parking
- 2 hour non-metered parking
- P parkade or parking lot
- bus route

Avoid the Pitfalls

Stay away from these hazardous parking situations

- In or too close to a crosswalk
- On a sidewalk
- In a fire lane
- Within five metres of a fire hydrant
- Blocking a driveway
- Within 10 metres of a stop sign
- Less than 7.5 metres from a corner
- At a bus stop
- In a loading zone
- In a no-parking zone

Park Smart Participating Retailers

- Alderney Chiropractic**
164 Ochterloney Street
464-2225
www.alderneychiropractic.com
- Alderney Dental Group**
(By Appointment)
81 Alderney Drive
466-7544
alderney.dental@ns.sympatico.ca
- Casaroma Wellness Centre**
Dartmouth Ferry Terminal, Market Level
466-2272
www.casaroma.com
- Celtic Corner Public House**
69 Alderney Drive
464-0764
www.celticcorner.ca
- Dartmouth KIS Photo**
84 Portland Street
464-0000
kisphoto@accesswave.ca
- Dartmouth Vacuum Rebuilders**
190 Portland Street
463-5588
- Ducky's On The Waterfront**
3 Ochterloney Street
464-3825
invicta@eastlink.ca
- Earth Magick Creations**
101 Portland Street
404-3010
earthmagickcreations@gmail.com
- ECCO Environmental Consulting**
170 Ochterloney Street
466-7890
www.eccoenviro.ns.ca
- Fisher's Stationery**
122 Portland Street
469-6926
- Heatwave Fashions**
156 Ochterloney Street, Suite #1
463-3323
heatwavefashions@hotmail.com
- Interlude Spa Retreat**
58 Ochterloney Street
469-2700
www.interlude.com
- Janet's Flowers**
69 Portland Street
463-9484
www.dartmouthflowers.com
- Johnson's Upholstery**
30 Portland Street
423-7914
- MacAskill's Restaurant**
88 Alderney Drive
466-3100
www.macaskills.ns.ca
- Next In Line Clothing**
163 Portland Street
469-6398 (NEXT)
www.nextinline.ca
- Nieforth Furnishers Ltd**
35 Portland Street
469-2401
- Nova Interiors**
80 Portland Street
463-8822
www.novainteriors.ca
- Queen Of Cups Tearoom**
44 Ochterloney Street
463-1983
www.queenofcups.ca
- Queen Street Studios**
50 Queen Street, Suite 201
463-2665
www.qsstudios.ca
- Rideau Brown Furs**
45 Portland Street
463-0032
rideaufurs@ns.aliantzinc.ca
- Super 8 Hotel Maranova Dartmouth**
65 King Street
463-9520
www.maranovasuites.com
- Wish Salon + Day Spa**
154 Ochterloney Street
465-3482
www.wishsalonspa.com

Win a \$15 Gift Certificate
Email info@downtowndartmouth.ca with your name, mailing address and "Park Smart" in the subject line for a chance to win a \$15 gift certificate for any of these participating Downtown Dartmouth retailers and restaurants.

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