

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

### Background

**Information on the implementation of "Parking by Permit Only" on eight residential streets in Halifax** - In summer 2011 the residents of eight streets on the Halifax peninsula voted to implement "parking by permit only" on their streets on a trial basis. The new parking control will be in effect Monday to Friday. From 8:00am to 4:00pm. During those times, only residents who have purchased annual parking exemptions and non-residents who have purchased monthly parking permits will be allowed to park on these streets.

The streets are:

- Davison Street
- Divas Lane
- Falkland Street
- James Street
- Maynard Street (south of Buddy Daye)
- Wright Ave.
- West Street (west of Agricola)
- Woodill Street.

Williams Street is already under parking control.

### **Why is HRM implementing this new control?**

This control allows residents to find parking on their street if they require it while achieving a parking balance between local and non-local residents throughout HRM. Non-residents who purchase a monthly permit will be provided guaranteed access to a parking spot. Revenue from the sale of parking permits will be dedicated to improving transit, cycling and walking in the municipality.

### **How much do resident exemptions and parking permits cost?**

Resident exemptions cost \$30 per year, from June 1 to May 31. For more information, see: <http://www.halifax.ca/traffic/documents/ResidentialParkingExemptionInfoSheet.pdf>

Parking permits will cost between \$20 and \$40 per month depending on the zone. Most of the streets in this project will cost \$35 per month.

### **Where, when and how can I purchase exemptions and permits?**

These can be purchased at any HRM Customer Service Centre. Monthly permits will be on sale on a first come-first served basis. Sales for each month will begin two weeks earlier in the preceding month. To purchase a parking permit for an area an applicant must have a

completed and signed application form, a valid photo ID, and a valid vehicle registration that ties the vehicle to the resident and the address.

Annual resident exemptions are purchased annually, in May of each year. Residents are only eligible for one exemption; however this exemption is interchangeable between two vehicles.

**What happens when residents have visitors or service people requiring parking?**

Short-term parking by contractors and other service providers will be permitted. However, for longer periods, they would have to purchase a visitor's exemption.

Visitor exemptions are available from HRM Customer Service Centres for \$5 per day or \$20 for 14 days.

**Where are the HRM Customer Service Centres?**

- Acadia Centre, 636 Sackville Drive, Lwr. Sackville, 869-4270
- Alderney Gate, Mezzanine Level, 40 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth, 490-4275
- Bayers Road, 7071 Bayers Road (2nd Floor), Halifax, 490-6762
- Scotia Square Mall, 5201 Duke Street, Halifax, 490-6398
- Cole Harbour Place, 51 Forest Hills Parkway, Cole Harbour, 490-4522
- Highway 107 & East Petpeswick Rd, Musquodoboit Harbour, 889-4050

**Since this is a pilot program, how will a decision be made on ending or extending it?**

HRM is working with the Dalhousie School of Planning to assess the project. Three months after implementation, HRM will consult with residents on their experience with the program and make recommendations for longer-term parking controls on the street.