

Requests for the Provision of Public Bicycle Parking on Municipal Property

HRM provides a service to install bicycle racks for public use on HRM Property. Bicycle racks will be selected and installed by HRM staff in a manner which complies with generally accepted standards for good bike racks (<http://www.apbp.org/?page=Publications>).

To identify a location where public bicycle parking is needed, requests may be placed with the corporate call centre at 490-4000 or contacthrm@halifax.ca.

Upon receipt of a request HRM staff will first determine if the property/ business owner making the request has adequate space on their own property to provide for the bike rack. If there is an opportunity, then it would be expected that the owner install their own rack on their own property, at their own expense. Staff can assist the owner in selecting a suitable rack for their needs, and can provide assistance to properly locate the rack.

If adequate space does not exist on the requesting property, HRM staff will inspect the area to determine if there is adequate space on the sidewalk or other nearby HRM property to install bicycle parking. Considerations include:

- a/ Proximity to other bicycle racks in the area, and the maintenance of adequate clearances from curb, utility poles, street furniture, hydrants, bus stops, loading zones, accessible parking zones, crosswalks, etc.
- b/ That racks do not impede pedestrian circulation or accessibility on the sidewalk or in-and-out of buildings, e.g. by maintaining adequate sidewalk width.
- c/ If there appears to be a demand for bicycle parking, and the rack will be located within a reasonable distance (+/- 50m) from the destination to be served.
- d/ Driver visibility at intersections is not impeded.
- e/ For bicycle security, racks should be placed in a visible area with significant foot traffic for casual surveillance and, if possible, located under awnings.
- f/ While single racks generally need to be installed on flat concrete sidewalk free from cracks or other damage, racks may also be installed in the grass boulevard between the sidewalk and curb.