

September 14, 2015

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: CENTRETOWN LOCAL AREA PARKING STUDY

The Parking Services Branch of the City of Ottawa is currently in the process of conducting a Local Area Parking Study in Centretown (see boundaries below).



The purpose of a Local Area Parking Study is to determine how the municipality can assist local business and the community by ensuring an appropriate availability of parking to the public. Recommendations from past studies in other areas have looked at addressing the availability of parking, the general supply of parking and have also considered how best to promote alternative modes of transportation.

Local stakeholders are consulted throughout all such study processes to ensure both transparency and that the parking needs of the local community are accurately captured and assessed.

City of Ottawa, Public Works Parking Services Branch 185 Slidell Street Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 3B5 Ville d'Ottawa, Travaux publics Entretien & exploit stationnements 185 rue Slidell Ottawa (Ontario) K1Y 3B5 A Local Area Parking Study is conducted in the following three phases:

Phase 1: Overview of Existing and Future Conditions

- o Gather information to understand of general characteristics of the study area;
- o Conduct initial consultation through stakeholders; and
- Investigate background in the area relative to growth and urban planning and past parking reports / studies.

Phase 2: Data Collection and Analysis

- Account for existing parking supply and parking regulations;
- Survey existing parking demand, compile, process and analyze the data;
- Continue consultation, soliciting input through various methods including a Public Open House;
- Account for stakeholder feedback and observations; and
- Use all information to identify parking-related issues and pressures.

Phase 3: Recommendations

- Apply the 'parking toolbox' which contains many of the strategies that can be implemented to positively impact the parking situation; and
- Recommend solutions based on findings and consultation.

Most of the parking-related data has been collected and as part of the current analysis process, this data is being looked at and we are also ensuring that we have as much feedback as possible from the community. Further in the future, there will be a public meeting to fully share the findings (expected to be in January), but in the interim, you are invited to visit www.ottawa.ca/parking for more information. Linked to this website, there is a form available to submit comments. **Please share anything relating to concerns and/or issues related to parking in the area.** You are also encouraged to send them directly to:

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As part of the current component of the study, comments will be received until October 16, 2015.