

“Let’s Talk Parking” Survey Questions

The Township of Esquimalt is undergoing an *Integrated Parking Strategy and Regulatory Framework* project as an opportunity to pursue direction around land use and built form, multi-modal transportation and parking management. We recognize the importance of making smart use of our shared spaces and want to make sure businesses, residents and local organizations have input

A comprehensive process will be undertaken that results in two key outcomes:

1. A new **Public Parking Strategy** to guide decision making and implementation for publicly provided parking – including EV charging, bicycle parking and accessible parking
2. An updated and modernized **Parking Bylaw** that ensures appropriate and desirable parking conditions are included in future land development

Your input will help direct the Township toward parking management priorities that will form the basis of the *Integrated Parking Strategy and Regulatory Framework*. Thank you for your input!

Personal information contained in this survey is collected under Section 26 (c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used only for the purposes of developing and implementing the Township’s Integrated Parking Strategy. If you have any questions about the collection or use of your personal information, please contact the Corporate Officer at corporate.services@esquimalt.ca or 250-414-7135.

Please submit this survey by July 24 to
Esquimalt Communications, 1229 Esquimalt Road, Esquimalt BC V9A 3P1

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1. Which option best describes you (select all that apply):
 - A. I am a resident of Esquimalt
 - B. I work in Esquimalt
 - C. I access Esquimalt often for services and amenities
 - D. I am a business owner in Esquimalt
 - E. Other (please specify)

2. If you reside in Esquimalt, what type of household do you live in?
 - A. Multi-family residential (condo or apartment)
 - B. Townhouse
 - C. Single Family Dwelling, Duplex, Triplex, Fourplex
 - D. Secondary suite
 - E. Other (please specify)
 - F. I prefer not to say

3. Do you own or rent at your place of residence?
 - A. Own
 - B. Rent
 - C. Prefer not to say

4. How many adults (18 years and over) reside in your place of residence?
 - A. I live alone
 - B. I live with 1 other adult
 - C. I live with 2 other adults
 - D. I live with 3 or more adults

5. How many privately-owned vehicles (motor or engine powered) does your [household](#) own or lease? *Note: this does not include e-bikes or scooters
 - A. None
 - B. One
 - C. Two
 - D. Three
 - E. Prefer not to say

6. Of the total number of vehicles, how many are electric?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three or more
- E. Prefer not to say

7. Do you keep any work-related vehicles at your place of residence?

- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Sometimes
- D. Not relevant

8. When you park at your place of residence, where do you predominantly park?

- A. On-street residential parking
- B. In my private driveway/garage
- C. I have a dedicated parking space at my building
- D. Other (please specify)

9. If you are a business owner in Esquimalt, do you feel there is adequate parking supply for your customers?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Sometimes
 - D. I am not a business owner in Esquimalt

10. Where do your customers park?
- A. Public parking (on-street, public parking lots)
 - B. Off-street
 - C. Combination of both
 - D. Other (please specify)

11. What are the biggest parking challenges you experience in Esquimalt? (Please choose up to three)
- A. Cannot find available parking at or near (within a block) my destination
 - B. Vehicles parked on residential streets for extended periods
 - C. Non-residents parking in resident-only parking areas
 - D. Too many empty parking spaces in public areas (over supply)
 - E. Lack of charging stations for e-vehicles and e-bikes
 - F. Not enough accessible parking stalls
 - G. Unsafe parking lot design (no crosswalks, etc.)

H. Not enough locations to park my bike

I. Other (Please explain)

12. Of the following, which are the most important parking characteristics to you? (Rank in order of priority)

- A. Parking is always available at or near (within a block) my destination
- B. Reduced transportation GHG emissions
- C. Well designed parking facilities (safety, walking facilities, landscape, etc.)
- D. Being able to park as long as I want
- E. Other (please explain)

13. How important are the following in providing high-quality bicycle parking? (Please rate each statement: Very Important, Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important)

- A. Abundant supply
- B. Convenient location nearby destination
- C. Access to charging facilities
- D. Secure facilities to prevent theft
- E. Larger spaces to support cargo bikes and other large bicycles
- F. Weather protection
- G. Access to shower and change facilities
- H. Provision of support amenities (e.g. tire pump)

14. Which of the following would encourage you and your family to take fewer trips in your vehicle? (Please choose all that apply)

- A. New or improved sidewalks
- B. Safer, connected cycling facilities
- C. More, better bicycle parking
- D. Improved transit infrastructure (bus shelters, more bus stops, frequency of transit)
- E. Carshare / rideshare programs
- F. I do not wish to take fewer trips in my vehicle
- G. Other (please explain)

PUBLIC PARKING MANAGEMENT

Public parking refers the supply of on-street parking contained within road rights-of-way, as well as off-street parking available at public sites such as the Esquimalt Recreation Centre and parks. The Township has jurisdiction over public parking resources and can determine how to best manage these parking facilities.

Management techniques may include the following:

- » Time limitations
- » User restrictions (i.e., residents)
- » Preferential and/or reserved parking (i.e., accessible, loading)
- » Pricing
- » Reserved parking to encourage sustainable travel options (i.e., rideshare, low-emissions vehicles)
- » Managing curb space to support other community activities (i.e., bike parking, sidewalk patios, food delivery, etc)

The Township is interested in how you feel certain parking strategies will impact you based on your daily activities and experiences parking in Esquimalt.

For each of the following parking options, please rate how supportive or unsupportive you and/or your household would be, with 5 indicating highly supportive and 1 highly unsupportive.

15. Expanding on-street time restrictions to allow high-demand parking spaces to be used by more vehicles

5	4	3	2	1
Highly Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Neutral	Somewhat Unsupportive	Highly Unsupportive

16. Expanding pay parking in the Town Centre to encourage shorter stays and make parking stalls available more frequently.

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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17. Creating more accessible parking spaces to accommodate people with disabilities.

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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18. Increasing the number of public electric vehicle charging opportunities.

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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19. Creating more loading spaces (for delivery trucks, passenger pick-up, drop-off, quick stops)

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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20. Removing parking stalls to accommodate bicycle infrastructure (bike lanes, secure bike parking)

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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21. Expanding the resident parking only areas to limit non-residents parking in residential areas.

5 Highly Supportive	4 Somewhat Supportive	3 Neutral	2 Somewhat Unsupportive	1 Highly Unsupportive
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OFF-STREET REGULATIONS

Provincial legislation enables the Township to establish development regulations to determine the requirement for off-street parking associated with land development. Regulations

- » Vehicular parking supply rates (minimum or maximum) and facility design requirements
- » Bicycle parking supply rates and facility design requirements
- » Accessible parking requirements
- » Requirements for loading and commercial vehicles
- » Electric vehicle (EV) charging

Importantly, the Township may also establish regulations and/or policies to identify the conditions where variance from off-street parking regulations may be accepted. This includes utilizing opportunities to encourage sustainable travel options (i.e., walking, cycling, transit) and reduce parking needs.

Reduced parking requirements result in fewer parking spaces being required in new construction projects. This bylaw update process will consider the impacts of reduced parking requirements.

22. Which factors do you feel should support reduced parking requirements? (Please choose all that apply)

- A. Location to town centre (ie. walking distance to many amenities and essential services)
- B. Close proximity to frequent transit routes
- C. Car-share vehicles provided on-site
- D. Creating affordable housing units
- E. Availability of safe transportation alternatives (such as bike lanes for cycling, sidewalks for pedestrians, etc.)
- F. A combination of all of the above

- H. We should not reduce parking requirements
- I. Other (please explain)

23. How important is it to you that the following parking characteristics are included in the updated parking bylaw? (Please rate each statement: Very Important, Important, Somewhat Important, Not Important)

A. Accessible parking

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

B. Commercial loading zones

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

C. Electric vehicle charging

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

D. Electric bicycle charging

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

E. Mobility scooter charging

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

F. Carshare parking

Very Important Important Somewhat Important Not Important

24. How would you describe your experience accessing visitor parking at multi-family residential sites (i.e., apartments, condominiums) in Esquimalt? (Please choose one)

- A. I always find available visitor parking
- B. I usually find available visitor parking
- C. I rarely find available visitor parking
- D. Not applicable

25. Do you have anything else related to parking within the Township of Esquimalt you would like to share with us?

26. How did you hear about this survey?

- A. Social media
- B. Township website
- C. E-newsletter
- D. The Current
- E. Through friends/family
- F. News
- G. Other (please specify)

27. What is your age?

- A. 18 years or younger
- B. 19-24
- C. 25-34
- D. 35-44
- E. 45-54
- F. 55-64
- G. 65-74
- H. 74-84
- I. 85+
- J. Prefer not to disclose