

INFORMATION REPORT 020-2022

Title: Parking Updates for 2022-Q3

Date: 2022-12-06

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SUMMARY

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Following discussion with Town of Wolfville Compliance and Planning staff, updates to public parking have been made in the following areas:

- Hillside Ave
- Main Street (between Seaview Ave and Willow Ave)
- Robie Tufts Drive and Marsh Hawk Drive
- Willow Ave (west of Winter St.)
- Blomidon Terrace (improved signage)
- East End Events Lawn (new signage)
- Town Hall (improved signage and marking)
- Library Fire Lane

The above changes are currently being implemented by Public Works, with public communication support by Town Hall staff. Compliance will allow a 30-day grace period after installation of new signage before warnings are issued, with an additional 30-day period in which warnings will be issued instead of fines.

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1) CAO COMMENTS

For informational purposes only.

2) REFERENCES AND ATTACHMENTS

- RFD 040-2018 _Parking Management_ 2018-06-05
- 2022_10_18 Special COW Meeting Agenda Package

3) DISCUSSION

Hillside Ave

'No Parking' signage to be refreshed on the West side of the street from Prospect St. to the driveway of Civic #14 (was signed previously). New signage will be posted on the east side of the street, from Prospect St. to Pleasant St. Where the street is not wide enough to support parking on both sides simultaneously, this update will serve to force motorists to park on the west side only.

Rationale for Update: Insufficient street width for parking on both sides, poor sightline visibility, and improving pedestrian safety.

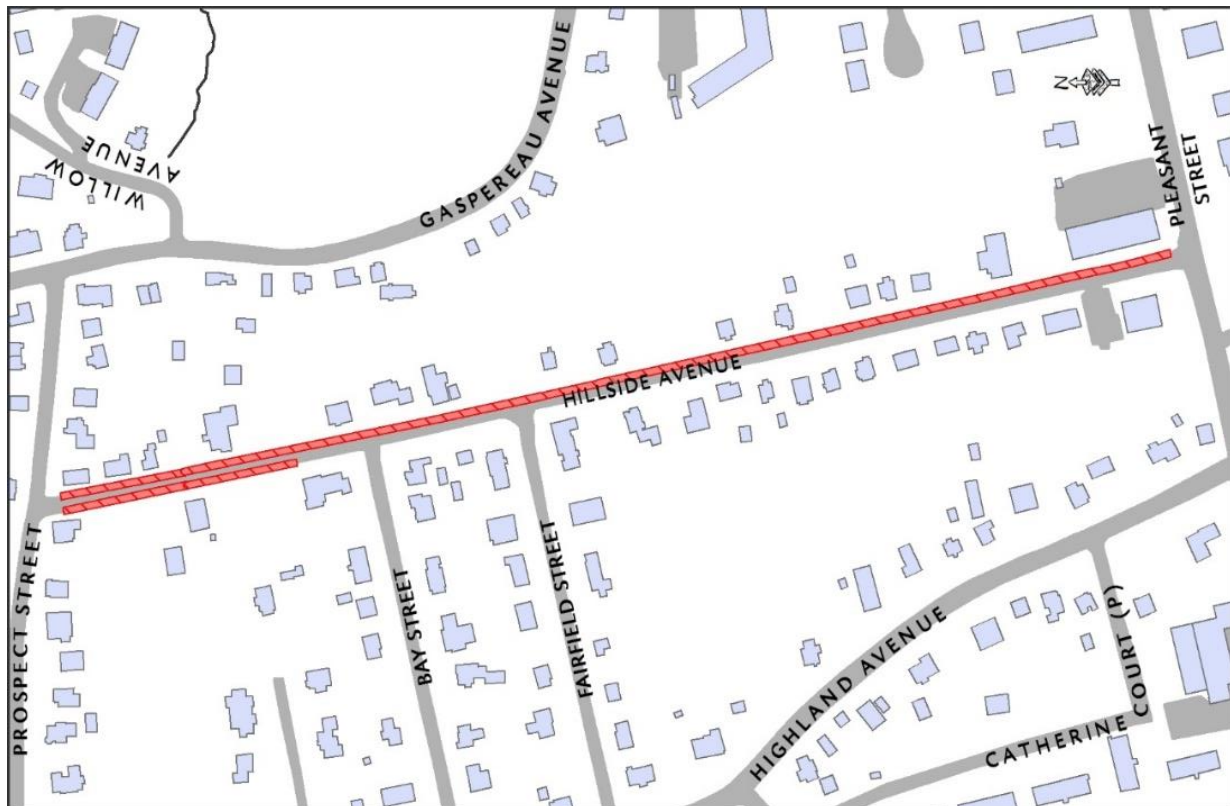


Figure 1 - Hillside Ave Parking Updates

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Main Street

The two street parking spots on the south side of Main Street between the driveway of Civic #303 to Willow Ave have been eliminated. This location was recently flagged for review by a local resident.

Rationale for Update: Dangerous lack of sightline visibility for drivers turning from off of Willow Ave with parked vehicles in this location.



Figure 2 - Main Street Parking Updates

Robie Tufts Drive and Marsh Hawk Drive

Robie Tufts Drive (both sides) from Main Street to Marsh Hawk Drive, and Marsh Hawk Drive from Blue Heron Court to Marsh Hawk Drive will be posted as 'No Parking' zones.

Rationale for Update: Insufficient street width for parking on both sides, poor sightline visibility, and improving safety for compliance staff and pedestrians.

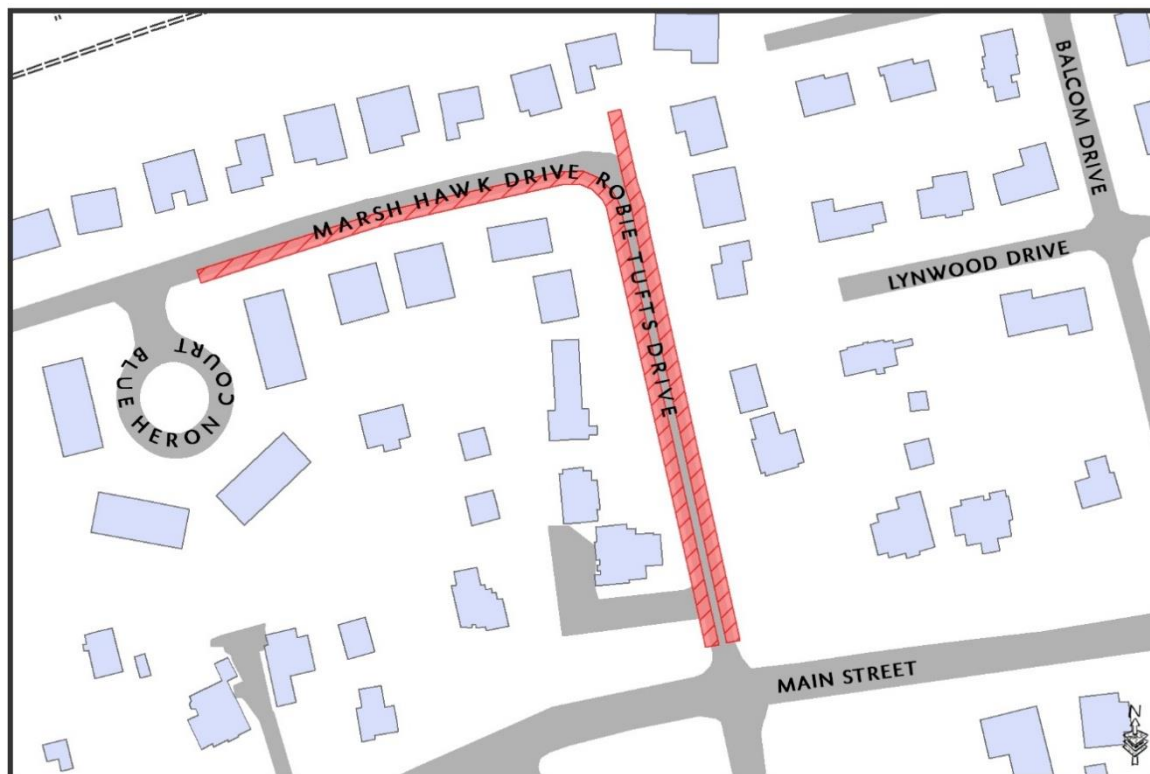


Figure 3 - Robie Tufts and Marsh Hawk Parking Updates

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Willow Ave

Both sides of Willow Ave, from Winter St. to Gaspereau Ave will be signed as 'No Parking', including the off-pavement area in the street right-of-way adjacent to the cemetery entrance. The gravel area will be removed and landscape restorations with topsoil and sod are scheduled for spring of 2023. New signage has been designed and ordered to communicate the new rules to members of the public, and provide Compliance with the tools necessary to enforce parking rules.

Rationale for Update: Insufficient width for on-street parking and safe parking maneuvers.



Figure 4 - No Parking on Grass Sign

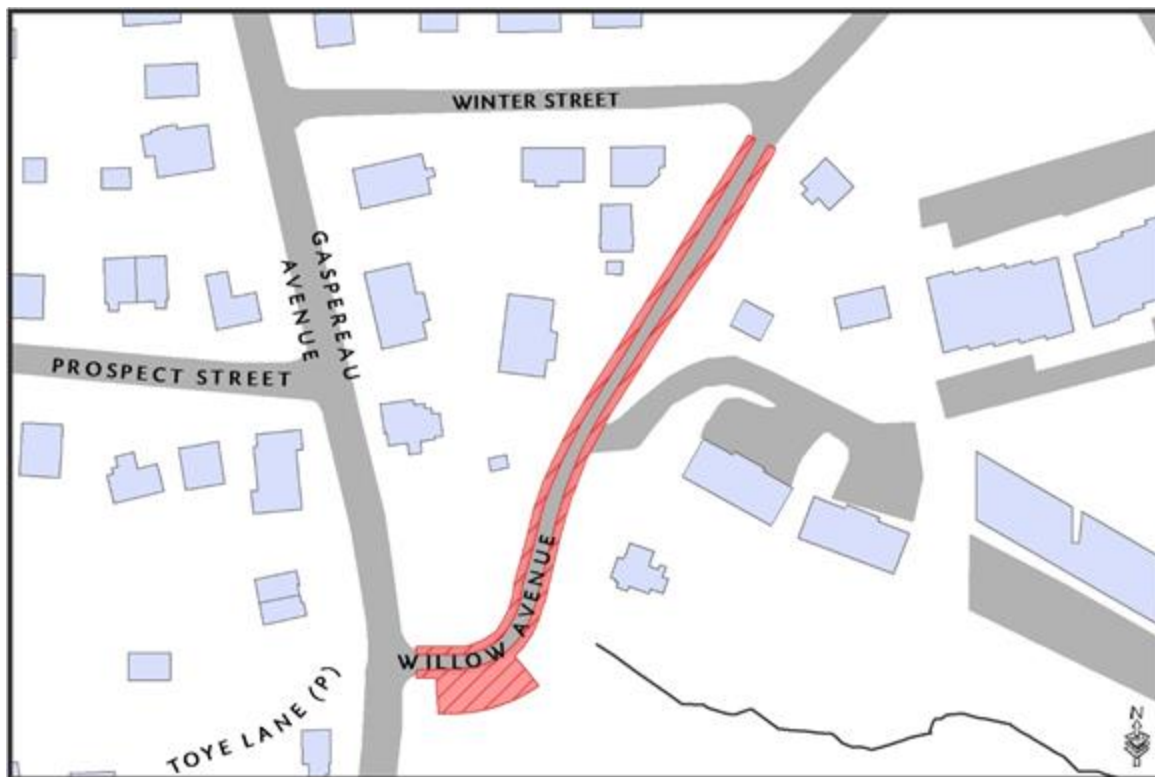


Figure 5 - Willow Ave. Parking Updates

The above 'No parking on grass' signs will also be installed at the entrances to the **events lawn** in the **east end gateway** to allow our Compliance officers to monitor and enforce parking on the lawn when not permitted (MVA s.149/151).

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Blomidon Terrace

The entire east side of Blomidon Terrace is currently a 'No Parking' zone. Signage is being improved for better compliance.

Rationale for Update: Street parking on this side is currently not allowed, however signage is insufficient. This will be improved, with public notices provided.



Figure 6 - Blomidon Terrace Parking Updates

Town Hall

The back lot of Town Hall will receive some much-needed improvements to signage. At present, 3-hour maximum time limits are not adhered to by the public due to a complete lack of signage behind the building. Insufficiently marked parking stalls also allow for chaotic parking and a complete lack of organization, which reduces the lot's capacity from optimal.

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The upper staff parking lot will have vegetation trimmed, and new angled parking stalls will be painted (seven in total). Any existing Staff Only signage will be replaced with new signs designed to be consistent with Town of Wolfville branding and exterior wayfinding standards. The three staff parallel parking stalls will be painted and signage posted, and two new stalls will be created at end of Emergency Services parking row for staff (with ends being hatched out for safety).

There are no proposed changes to number of parking stalls for RCMP and Emergency Services, but Emergency Services signage is being replaced at the request of WFD to be consistent with the above. One new parking stall is being created at the end of RCMP parking stalls to be reserved for new electric compliance vehicle (where a new Level 2 EV charger will be installed).

The four unmarked stalls behind Town Hall will have new signage installed denoting the 3hr limit (consistent with all other public parking in the area), and the faded "police only" signs are being updated/replaced with 'No public entry' signs. The remaining single parking space adjacent to the Town Hall rear entrance will be painted and signed as 20 minutes max, reserved for loading/unloading at Town Hall or WFD.



Figure 7 - No Public Entry Sign

Rationale for Updates: Existing signage is insufficient and in poor shape, often times entirely illegible due to fading or vegetation overgrowth. Local vehicle owners currently take advantage of the poor/lack of signage and park in this lot all day, often times requiring employees, visitors, and guests of Town Hall to seek parking elsewhere/offsite. At the moment, the lack of signage prevents from enforcement of parking rules. For the new electric compliance vehicle, the only available space with the required building wall access for electrical (charger) is the first unmarked spot adjacent to RCMP parking (next to WFD rear door).



Figure 8 - New Town Hall Parking Signage

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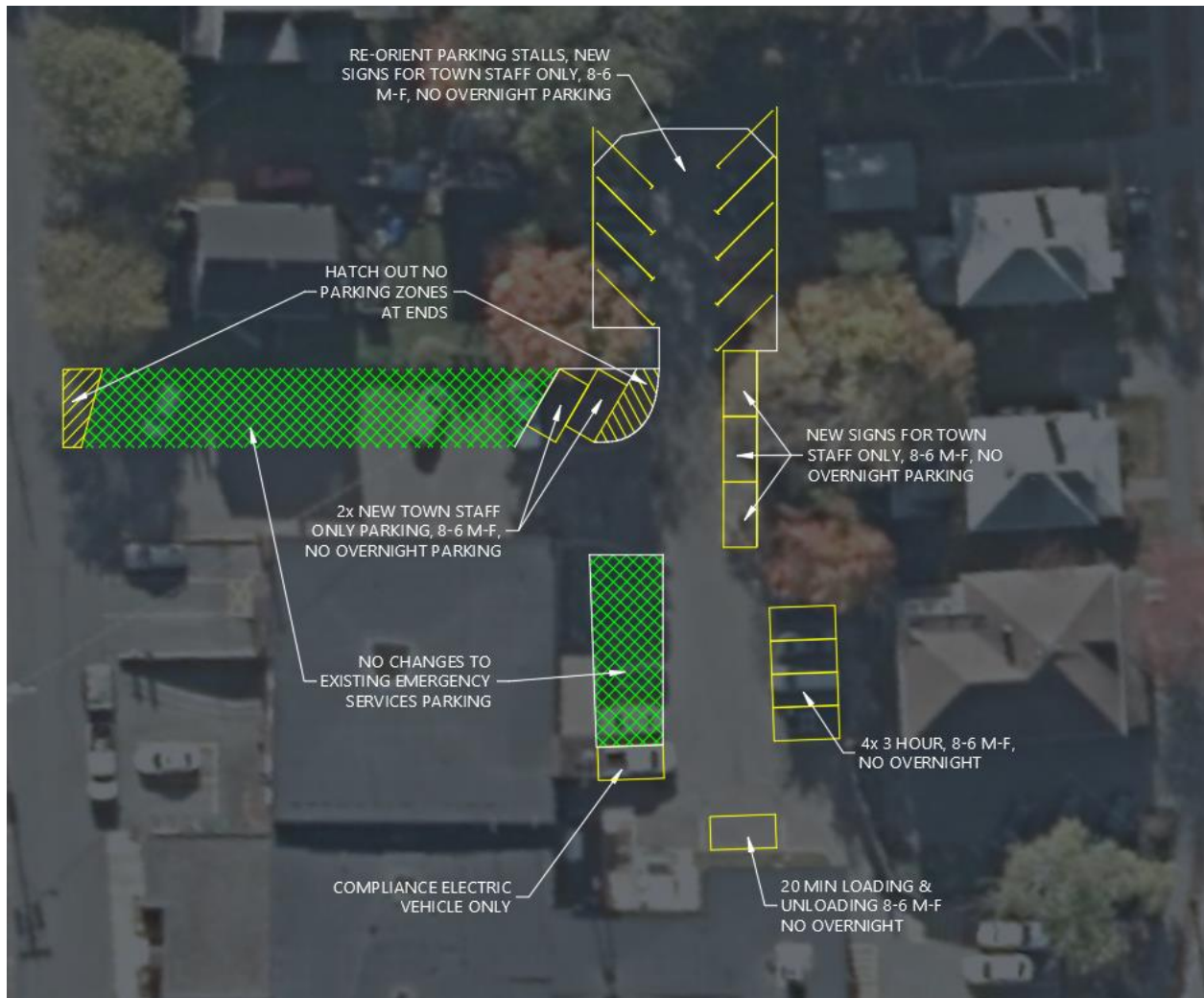


Figure 10 - Town Hall Parking Lot Updates

Library

The laneway adjacent to the library will be painted/hatched out as ‘Fire lane’ with appropriate complementary regulatory signage.

Rationale for update: Motorists congest this area during busy times which prevents emergency vehicle access (MVA s.150).



Figure 9 - Library Parking Updates

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4) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed updates will be completed using approved operational budget items. Where a quarterly review and update program has not been completed in recent years, it is anticipated that the above will have “larger than average” impacts to operational spending, but can reasonably be expected to stabilize going forward.

5) REFERENCES TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN AND TOWN REPORTS

N/A

6) COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

Changes to parking will be communicated on our website through a media release, with message amplification on Facebook and Twitter. The messaging will encourage residents and visitors to be aware of the signs that communicate where and when you can park.

In addition to the community-wide messaging, changes to the back parking lot at Town Hall will be communicated directly to L’Arche Homefires as their staff do frequently use the parking lot. L’Arche staff will be encouraged to use the East End Gateway lot.

7) FUTURE COUNCIL INVOLVEMENT

Safety and compliance-related suggestions for review of individual public parking cases should be brought to the attention of the Director of Engineering & Public Works for regular consideration.

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