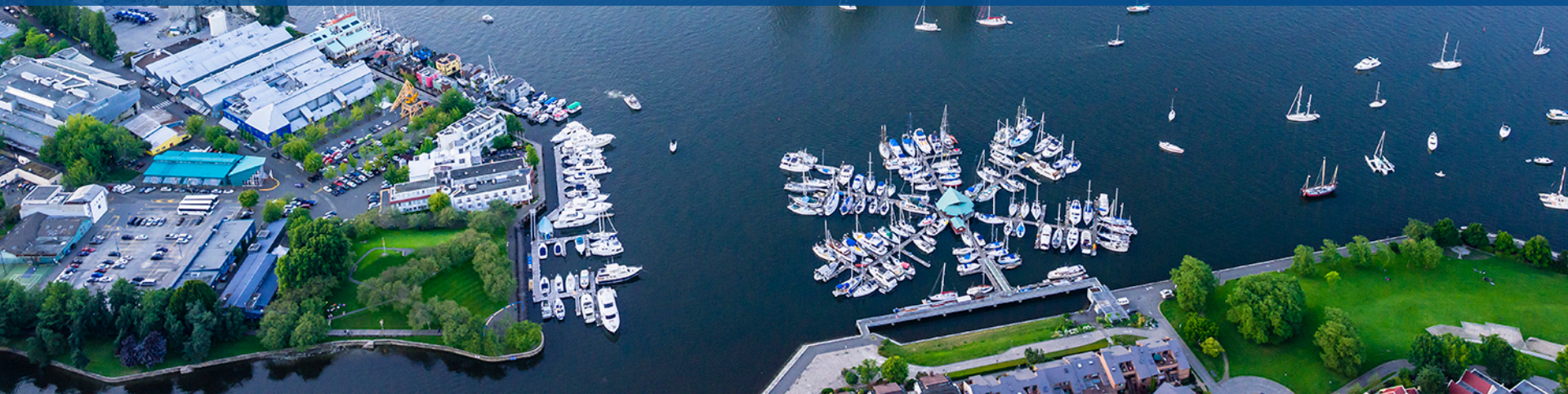




## West End Parking Strategy and Participatory Budgeting Process Update

Regular Council, February 26, 2019





# Background

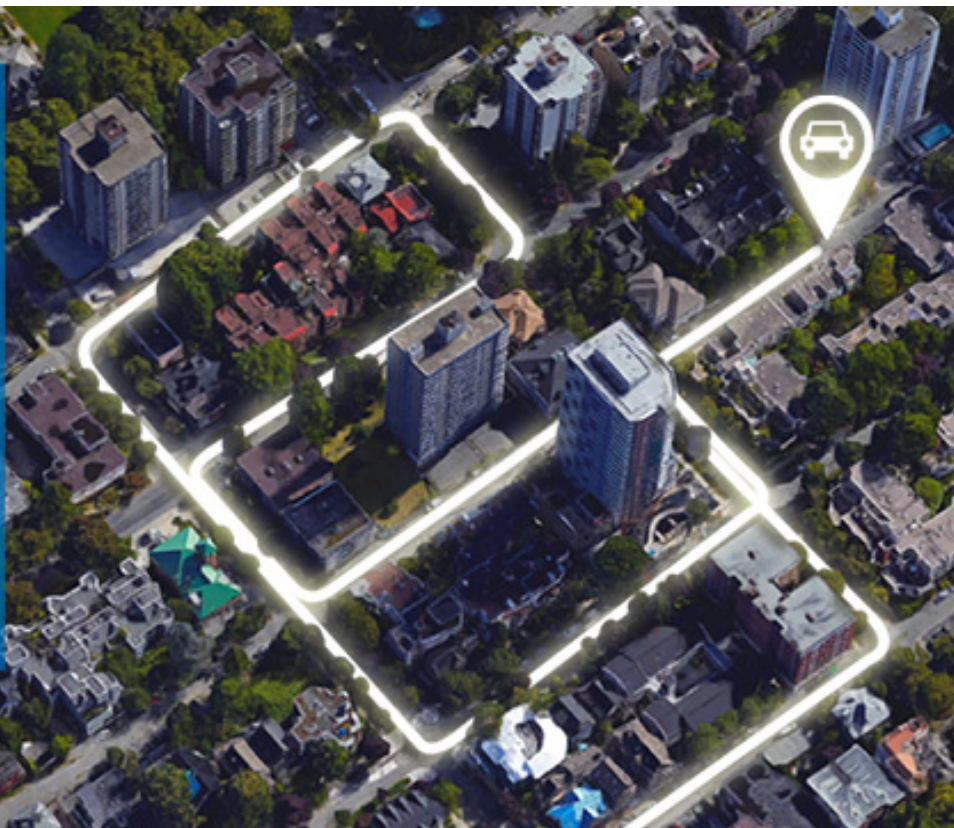
- 2013: West End Community Plan
- 2015-2016 Extensive consultation on parking
- Feb 2017: West End Parking Strategy Approved
- Dec 2017: West End Pilot Participatory Budgeting Framework



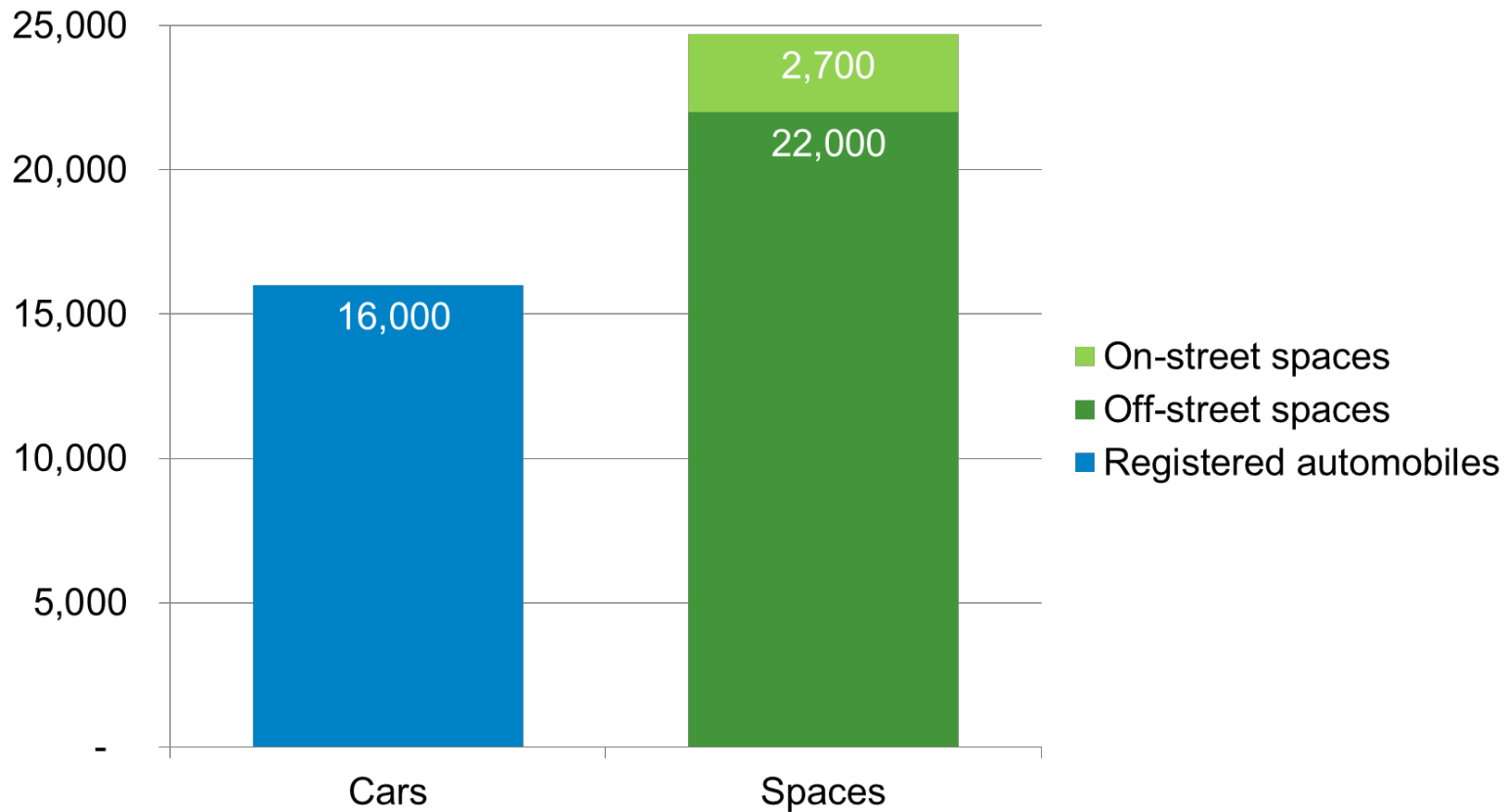
# Why the Strategy?

Finding parking takes residents **5 minutes** and over **1 km** of extra driving.

It takes visitors **10 minutes** and almost **3 km**.



# A Management Problem



There are about 1.5 residential parking spaces for every car registered in the West End permit area.

(16,000 cars, 22,000 off-street spaces, 2,700 on-street spaces)



# West End Parking Strategy



**1. Charge market-based rates for new parking permits**



**2. Keep existing permit holders on the same rates**



**3. Create a parking benefit district**



**4. Divide the permit zone**



**5. Unlock unused parking**



**6. Improve parking enforcement**



**7. Let visitors park in residential spaces when it's less busy**



**8. Add parking meters to some visitor parking spaces**



**9. Convert some residential parking to visitor parking**

# Key Results To Date

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- Market Based Permit Pricing

- In September 2017, the market price of \$360/year was introduced

Permit Sales Period	% Decrease, YoY
September 2017 – April 2018	36%
May 2018 – December 2018	14%

- Visitor Parking

- 180 time-limited parking spaces were converted to metered parking
- 14 of 22 blocks are within City's targeted parking occupancy, all are below (previously only 4 of 22)

# Long-Term Resident Bylaw Changes

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- Several cases where long-term West End residents were unable to purchase permits at the Non-Market Rate
- Proposed By-law change to allow non-market permits to be purchased by residents that have:
  - lived continuously in the West End since before September 1, 2017; and,
  - never purchased a permit at the non-market rate.

# Future Parking Strategy Actions

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- West End Parking Strategy is a long-term solution
- Priority Next Steps:
  - Continued monitoring
  - Unlocking off-street space
- Not actively pursuing:
  - Dividing permit zones
  - Converting permit zones to visitor parking
  - Letting visitors park in residential spaces in off-peak times



# Participatory Budgeting Update

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- Process was formally launched in late 2018
- In 2019, \$100,000 is set aside for a pilot Participatory Budgeting Process
- The public's best ideas have been collected throughout January – February 2019
- Using ideas submitted, actionable proposals will be developed March - April 2019
- A ranked ballot voting planned for June 2019
- Report back to Council late 2019 with findings



# Questions?