

## MOTION ON NOTICE

### 4. **Expanding Parking Options at EasyPark Lots and Parkades to Help Drivers Get Home Safe, Support the Night Economy**

Submitted by: Councillor Dominato

#### WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver manages parking to balance the needs of residents, commuters, and visitors;
2. The City of Vancouver's parkades and parking lots are managed and operated by the Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark), a non-profit public authority governed by a board of two appointed and eight elected directors;
3. EasyPark's stated mission is "to provide safe, clean, friendly, convenient and affordable parking to the Greater Vancouver community";
4. EasyPark operations encompass more than 125 parking facilities;
5. EasyPark facilities are intended to act as an integral component of Vancouver's transportation infrastructure, and their use is intended to be complementary to the vitality of the downtown business community;
6. EasyPark prides itself on being a modern, innovative organization that constantly upgrades its facilities to better serve public needs;
7. At the Wednesday, December 18, 2013, Standing Committee of Council on City Finance and Services, Vancouver City Council unanimously supported a motion directing City staff "to immediately implement a Pre-Paid Parking Program" in order to create an incentive for people who have consumed more alcohol than expected to a) leave their car behind, b) pay in advance for street parking for the next morning, c) take a safe transportation option home, and d) retrieve their vehicle safely the next day;
8. On July 16, 2018, the City of Vancouver introduced a "Park Until" feature on the PayByPhone mobile app, offering users of the app the convenience to leave their car overnight at a City parking meter and the ability to pay in advance for parking the next morning;
9. The "Park Until" feature allows a driver to leave their vehicle overnight for up to the maximum stay at the meter after paid parking comes into effect the next morning – for example, where meters have a 3 hour limit, drivers can park their vehicle until noon the next day – instead of having to come back first thing in the morning to move their vehicle or add time;
10. The PayByPhone "Park Until" feature not only ensures that people are able to enjoy all the night life Vancouver has to offer, while ensuring they can get home

safely, it also complements TransLink's NightBus Hub initiative and offers an important option for workers who may have been kept behind late after their night shift ends;

11. Consistent with Council's direction in 2013 to implement a "Pre-Paid Parking Program", the "Park Until" option on the City's PayByPhone app helps to reduce the harms and dangers associated with driving under the influence of alcohol and/or other substances;
12. Impaired driving continues to be a public safety issue - last year the Vancouver Police Department (VPD) undertook over 2,000 investigations where drugs or alcohol were determined to be present in drivers of motor vehicles;
13. The convenient "Park Until" option available on the City's PayByPhone system does not appear to be available to those who make use of the City's EasyPark parking facilities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

THAT Vancouver City Council direct staff to work with EasyPark to explore the potential to expand the "Park Until" option to the City's parkades and parking lots managed and operated by the Parking Corporation of Vancouver (EasyPark) and report back to Council by the end of Q1; and

FURTHER THAT staff's report back to Council include background information on the City's EasyPark system, as well as recommendations for low-cost and no-cost ways in which the City of Vancouver can help to promote and incentivize responsible transportation choices for those who may have consumed more alcohol or other substances than expected, including recommendations relating to any potential opportunities there may be to work with other partners in the interest of public safety.

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