# INFORMATION NOTE

Title: Accessible Parking in Churchill Square

**Date Prepared:** 2019.10.16

Report To: Inclusion Advisory Committee

Councillor and Role: Councillor Deanne Stapleton, Council Champion

Ward: 4

#### Issue:

Provide an opinion to Council on the preferred approach to accessible parking locations at Churchill Square.

#### **Discussion – Background and Current Status:**

On January 24th, 2019 Service NL issued an order (attached BA Order#30540 Churchill Square) to redesign Churchill Square parking based on the Building's Accessibility Act which states:

#### **Parking**

- **8.** (1) In a parking area provided for a building there shall be at least one accessible parking space or 6% of the total number of parking spaces, whichever is greater, designed and designated for use by persons with disabilities.
  - (2) In each parking area at least one in every 6 accessible parking spaces shall be a van-sized accessible parking space.
  - (3) Where a parking area only has one accessible parking space it shall be a vansized accessible parking space.

The City prepared a parking plan to complete this work (attached Churchill Square - New Accessible Parking) which was reviewed by Service NL. Based on this review the plan was modified to meet Service NL requirements (attached Churchill Square - New Accessible Parking 2019.02.27).

The City started the implementation of the approved parking plan in the summer of 2019. Following this City Council received complaints that unrestricted parking along the frontage of Terrace on the Square was displaced. In particular, the area labeled "Area 3" in the approved accessible parking plan. A concern with this displacement was that there are many elderly



patrons of Terrace on the Square who would benefit from parking near the entrance to the building but do not hold an accessible parking permit.

The City enquired with Service NL if an alternative accessible parking plan would be acceptable to accommodate the concerns raised. This request was granted. A set of alternatives (attached Churchill Square - Alternative 2) was submitted to Service NL for their review. Service NL provided the opinion that the removals noted in red and replacements noted in pink would result in an acceptable alternative arrangement. The City has prepared a revised plan based on this feedback (attached Churchill Square - Alternative 3).

#### **Key Considerations/Implications:**

- Budget/Financial Implications:
   Modest costs would be incurred to reconfigure pavement markings recently completed.
- 2. Partners or Other Stakeholders:

N/A

3. Alignment with Strategic Directions/Adopted Plans:

N/A

4. Legal or Policy Implications:

N/A

5. Privacy Implications:

N/A

6. Engagement and Communications Considerations: This issue has previously been raised in local media.

7. Human Resource Implications:

N/A

8. Procurement Implications:

N/A

9. Information Technology Implications:

N/A

10. Other Implications:

N/A

# **Conclusion/Next Steps:**

Forward an opinion to Council on this matter.

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#### Approved by/Date:

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#### **Attachments:**

BA Order#30540 Churchill Square

Churchill Square - New Accessible Parking

Churchill Square - New Accessible Parking 2019.02.27

Churchill Square - Alternative 2

Churchill Square - Alternative 3



Service NL

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BUILDING	Churchill Square - Torrace on the Square
ADDRESS	Rowan Street
OWNER	
ADDRESS	
MUNICIPALITY	City of St. John's
ТҮРЕ	CLASSIFICATION
NEW	OTHER ACCESSIBLE PARKING NO. OF STORIES
	TH THE BUILDINGS ACCESSIBILITY ACT AND REGULATIONS YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES BY
THE	DAY OF February 20 19
	1) 6 % of Parking Spaces serviced
	to be designated by Accessible
	porking conforming to Section (14) + (15)
	of the B.A. schedule
	(2) Accessible Parking spaces shall
	be on the shortest kassible
	of the Building as per Section (14). (1).(4)
	ERE A PERSON IS AGGRIEVED BY THIS ORDER, THAT PERSON MAY APPEAL TO THE DIRECTOR, IN WRITING WITHIN DAYS.
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THIS BUILDING IS	ACCEPTABLE NOT ACCEPTABLE Musik Ruing
	inspector's Signature
NECEIVED BY	DATE
	I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDER(S) HAVE BEEN COMPLETED
DATE	SIGNATURE OF OWNER







