

Communications Objectives

- Promote the Pay-by-Plate system
- Promote Free Parking (Free P!)
- Enlist the support of downtown businesses
- Make parking information and parking spaces easier to find



Promote Pay-by-Plate

- Promote the benefits of Pay-by-Plate, chiefly the convenient payment options.
- Make it easier for users to learn how to use the parking machines and/or to pay by phone or online.

Pay-by-Plate – Parking Machines

Re-skin the parking machines to reduce the clutter of information and make the instructions easier to read, understand and follow.

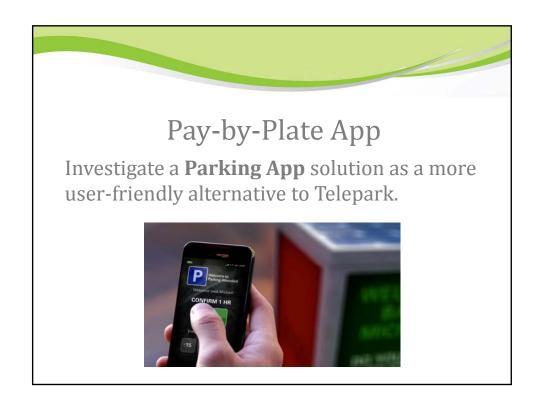






Pay-by-Plate Instructions Create a downloadable Instruction Sheet. Create a pocket-size Pay-by-Plate guide that businesses can distribute to employees and customers.







Promote Free Parking

- 1. Encourage people to visit downtown Burlington.
- 2. Make people aware of the free parking opportunities during the evenings, weekends, holidays, and in December.



Promote Free P! using **social media.** Take advantage of holidays and special events to highlight all of the free parking opportunities.

Free P! Social Media Promotions

Drink responsibly but just in case, there's free parking overnight in the municipal parking lots.
Enjoy the fireworks and the free parking in downtown Burlington municipal lots.
Enjoy free parking in downtown Burlington – evenings, weekends and holidays.
Free P! downtown in December on the streets, the municipal parking lots and parking garage.

Free Parking (Free P!)

Boost Facebook posts with **small ad buys** to reach those outside our own networks.

Reach out to businesses and their employees – especially in December – to encourage them to use the parking lots.



Engage Downtown Businesses

- 1. Provide businesses with information and tools they can share with employees and customers.
- 2. Encourage employees to use the parking lots to free up street parking for visitors.
- 3. Promote the monthly parking permits.

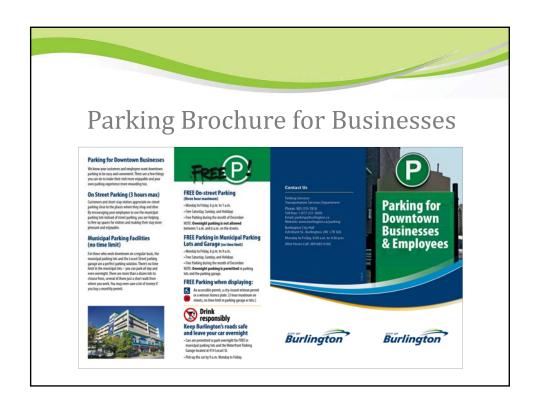
Downtown Parking Toolkit

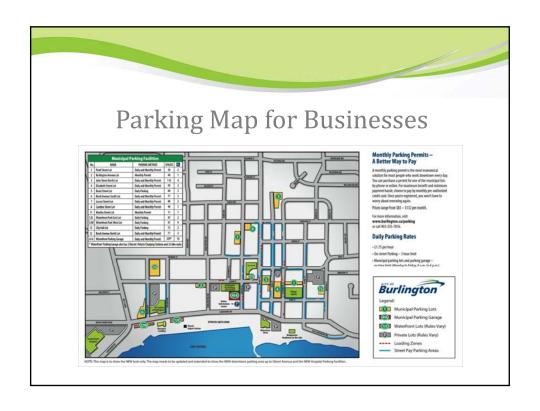
Create an information kit that includes:

- A brochure promoting the parking lots and monthly parking permits
- A pocket-size Pay-by-Plate guide
- New window clings



Parking Brochure for Businesses Purpose of the Brochure: 1. Educate those who work downtown 2. Promote the parking lots 3. Promote monthly permits 4. Map showing lots where they can park 5. Free P! information





In addition to the toolkit...

Promote **Monthly Parking Permits** – offer incentives (e.g. movie tickets) and consider establishing a Rewards/Points Program.

Park 'n Walk campaign to encourage parking lot use. Add ten minutes of healthy exercise to your daily routine.



Make Parking Easy to Find

- 1. Make parking information easier to find and easy to understand.
- 2. Make it easier to find parking spaces by improving signage and other navigational tools.
- 3. Promote the Parking Garage.

Make Parking Information Easier to Find

- 1. Reorganize information on the **City** website.
- 2. Add parking lots to **Google Maps**.
- 3. Create a better **downtown parking map** for members of the public.















Make Parking Easy to Find

Promote the **Parking Garage** – use social media and create a simple rack brochure.





Make Parking Easy to Find

Use the "Green P" on all communications. Make it the brand of municipal parking.



Brand Strategy

The "Green P" is the most recognizable symbol of municipal parking. Make it a **brand tool**.











