Introducing Virtual Parking Permits using HotSpot

Starting on January 28, 2019, the City of Fredericton will be giving customers seeking to purchase single-month parking permits the option to purchase these monthly Parking Permits either online or by using a Smartphone. This new payment option means no more lines waiting outside City Hall during early morning hours or cold winter months! Instead, customers will be able to purchase monthly parking passes from the comfort of their own home or while on the go by using the HotSpot Online Dashboard.

On January 28th, single-month permits will be available for purchase online or by using the app. Following the instructions below you can even register ahead of time so all you have to do on the 28th is login and purchase a monthly permit. However, HotSpot and City staff will be at the Service Centre to assist customers or answer questions about these new purchasing options. For now, some permits will also continue to be available for purchase at the Service Centre at City Hall.

Please note that, as always, permit supplies are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis whether purchased online or in person at the Service Centre.

How does it work?
Customers can purchase permits virtually, either online or by downloading the HotSpot app. You will need to register with HotSpot providing your name, contact information and vehicle license plate; selecting your permit; and, paying for the permit using secure credit card or Visa/Debit. The parking permits cost the same online or by using the app as they do if purchased at City Hall. However, a $2.00 administrative fee which is added to the cost of permits purchased through the HotSpot system. Customers will only need to register with HotSpot when first-time users of the HotSpot Online Dashboard. Future purchases will only require you to login and purchase a permit. It's really that simple!

How Will Enforcement Work If I Don’t Have A Hang-Tag? You will no longer need a Hang-tag if you purchase a virtual permit. Parking enforcement staff will enter the license plate of your parked vehicle into a mobile device used to validate your virtual permit. Enforcement for pay by cell meter parking has successfully been done this way since the City began working with HotSpot in 2013 so no changes are required for our enforcement processes.

Customers with more than one vehicle can add multiple vehicles to a single account so you will have the flexibility to park different cars on different days, much like changing your Hang-tag from vehicle to vehicle when required. To do this you simply login to the HotSpot Online Dashboard or HotSpot Mobile App and change the vehicle tied to your permit at that particular time. However, it's essential that the passholder ensure the license plate selected is the same as the vehicle parked to avoid unnecessary parking infractions. The permit holder is responsible for ensuring this information is up to date at all times.
We want to make sure you have a smooth transition to the new HotSpot Virtual Parking Permits.

so here’s a short video of how it works:

Initial Set Up Instructions (Please follow all steps):

1. **Create a HotSpot account** - you can create a HotSpot account by visiting [https://htsp.ca](https://htsp.ca) to access the HotSpot Online Dashboard. You can also download the HotSpot Mobile App to manage your HotSpot Virtual Parking Permit from your smartphone while on the go.

2. **Add your vehicle(s)** - Once you have accessed the HotSpot Online Dashboard or downloaded the HotSpot Mobile App, navigate to the Vehicles tab and add your vehicle(s) as required.

   You can add multiple vehicles to your HotSpot account, but only one vehicle can be tied to a HotSpot Virtual Parking Permit at any given time. **This is an important step to ensure the correct information is returned to the enforcement staff.**
3. **Add a payment method** - To purchase your February Virtual Parking Permit, we will require a valid credit card or visa-debit. You can add your payment method by navigating to the Wallet tab and selecting the Payment Method button.

**Adding funds to your HotSpot Wallet is NOT required to purchase Virtual Parking Permits using HotSpot. Virtual Parking Permit payments will come directly off your credit card or visa-debit.**

**Funds added to your HotSpot Wallet can be used to park at municipal parking meters and purchase passes and ride transit in various HotSpot connected cities throughout the Atlantic provinces and Ontario. A monthly or Annual membership is required to use this service.**

4. **Purchase your HotSpot Virtual Parking Permit** - Once the above 3 steps are completed you are now ready to purchase your permit. Navigate to the Permit screen and select the permit you would like to purchase. Once the transaction has been completed, your permit will be visible on the Permit page (see image below) You will receive email receipts upon successful completion of the purchase of your HotSpot enabled Virtual Parking Permit.

Once you have completed the above 4 steps, you will successfully be set up with HotSpot Virtual Parking Permits.

**Tip on managing your HotSpot Virtual Permit**
You can have multiple vehicles tied to your HotSpot Virtual Parking Permit. If you happen to switch the car you are driving on a particular day, you can update your permit by signing into the HotSpot Online Dashboard or HotSpot Mobile App and updating your vehicle on the Permits tab as seen in the image below:
Tip on Troubleshooting issues with Purchasing Your Permit:

HotSpot will provide customer support related to the purchase or use of your HotSpot Virtual Parking Permit.

Happy to help.

If you experience any issues or have any questions, please contact HotSpot support by email at support@htsp.ca or by phone at 1-855-712-5888. Our mailing address is:
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