Access

When we say "access," what do we mean?
Determining who can use limited curbside space, when and for how long.

Who is eligible for the Residential Parking Program (RPP)?

Options	What that could mean
All residents within an RPP area are eligible, regardless of whether they rent, own or the type of home they live in →	Residents have the same opportunity to obtain permits. Broader eligibility may increase competition for limited curbside space.
Eligibility considers access to private parking options or other circumstances →	Permits can be directed towards households with fewer parking options (such as no garage, driveway or private parking lot). Requires clear eligibility criteria and may mean some residents cannot obtain permits.

Should every household receive the same access to parking?

Options	What that could mean
Apply the same permit limits and rules to everyone →	Easier to understand and administer, but may not accommodate different household needs.
Allow additional or different access based on demonstrated need →	Can accommodate various circumstances, but requires clear eligibility criteria set by the City and means that some households will have different access than others.

Who should be able to access residential parking?

Options	What that could mean
Primarily residents and their visitors →	More curbside space is prioritized for residents and their visitors, but other people accessing the neighbourhood may have fewer options.
Provide permits or exemptions for specific, non-resident users, such as service providers or contractors →	Supports care, services and other activities in the neighbourhood, but increases the number of vehicles eligible to use limited curbside spaces.

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Elena's Story: Access in Action

Elena rents an apartment in a Residential Parking Program area and does not have access to a parking stall in her building. Some nearby detached homes have driveways or garages, but those residents are eligible for on-street parking permits. Elena wants the same opportunity to obtain a residential parking permit.

The trade-off

Making permits available to all residents, regardless of whether they rent or own, or what type of home they live in, provides the same opportunity for everyone. Broader eligibility may increase competition for limited curbside space. Restricting access to permits for residents with private parking could ensure preferential access to those who can only park on the street, but requires clear criteria and may be more complicated to administer.

As a City, we need to consider ...

How eligibility and permit rules affect people in different housing types, households with limited private parking and those providing care or services.

