



**Branch 26  
Kelowna**

November 4, 2024

**Subject: Request for Free Parking Privileges for Veterans**

Dear Mayor Tom Dyas and Council,

I am writing to respectfully urge the City of Kelowna to consider implementing a policy that would grant free parking privileges for veterans within our community. This initiative would serve as a small, yet meaningful way to show appreciation and support for those who have served our country.

Our veterans have dedicated their lives to protecting our freedoms and ensuring the safety of our nation. Many have made immense sacrifices, enduring hardships, and risking their lives. Transitioning back into civilian life can be challenging, with financial and mobility obstacles often standing in the way of accessing essential services and community activities. Free parking would help ease some of these burdens, allowing veterans greater access to necessary amenities, healthcare, and community engagement without the added financial concern.

Implementing free parking privileges for veterans would send a strong, positive message of gratitude, reinforcing the respect and honor our community holds for them. Many other municipalities and cities like Penticton, Vernon and Kamloops have already adopted similar programs, demonstrating the practical feasibility and community benefits of such initiatives. This policy could potentially be implemented through identifiable veteran license plates, ensuring only eligible veterans benefit from the service.

Thank you for considering this request. Your support for our veterans is deeply appreciated, and I am hopeful that this proposal will receive the thoughtful consideration it deserves.

Respectfully,

Jim White

President, Kelowna Legion Branch 26