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Accessible Parking: Roles & Responsibilities

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Role of Province:

Legislation, Enforcement & Permits

1. Requirements for **off-street accessible parking**
[O. Reg. 191/11: Integrated Accessibility Standards](#)
[AODA 2005, SO 2005, c 11](#)
2. Enforcement of **penalties for non-compliance** with AODA, including accessible parking standards
3. Management of **Accessible Parking Permits**
[Service Ontario](#)

Role of Police:

Enforce Highway Traffic Act (HTA)

York Regional Police responds to accessible parking violations under [Highway Traffic Act \(RSO 1990 c. H.8\)](#)

HTA Part III covers **accessible parking permit offences:**

- Fictitious, altered or fraudulent permit
- Display of permit not in accordance to regulations
- Failure or refusal to surrender permit
- Use of permit not in accordance with regulations
- Use of permit by unauthorized user
- Use, loan, sale or other offer of fictitious or altered permit

Role of City:

Consultation with Accessibility Advisory Committee when developing new parking

1. **Infrastructure Development** ensures new City facilities comply with accessible parking requirements
2. **Facilities Management** ensures accessible parking spaces are signed on City properties
3. **Traffic** identifies locations for accessible on-street parking spaces
4. **Roads** installs accessible parking signage
5. **By-law & Compliance**
 - Enforces penalties for violations: misuse of accessible parking spaces under [Parking By-law](#)
 - Prescribes accessible parking space signage requirements under [Parking By-law](#)

Role of City:

Enforcement of Accessible Parking

Parking By-law Accessible Parking Violations

Violation	Penalty
Stop or park in area designated for accessible vehicles	\$300
Park in designated accessible space	\$400
Fail to properly display Accessible Parking Permit	\$50

1. Enforcement on City & Private Property

- Provincial Offences Officers enforce penalties for misuse of accessible parking spaces on City and private property
- Private security staff respond to misuse of accessible parking spaces on private property

2. Zero Tolerance Approach

- Proactive and reactive (complaint based) enforcement
- Penalty notice for all accessible parking violations

Role of City:

Permit Inspections & Targeted Enforcement

Permit Inspections

- Provincial Offences Officers (by-law) routinely request accessible parking permits for inspection
 - Permit serial number provides officers with information on permit holder; can be compared against government issued identification if necessary

Targeted Enforcement

- Increased patrols and additional monitoring for misuse of accessible parking spaces occurs during high-traffic times (i.e. weekends, rush hours, special events & holidays)
- When necessary, an officer will be assigned to monitor a specific area if flagged as high-violation location

Questions & Discussion

