



CITY OF MISSISSAUGA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Motion – Parking Exemption for Eid al-Fitr, Eid al-Adha and Diwali – April 2, 2025

Moved by: Mayor Parrish

Seconded by: Councillor

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga approved an exemption to its Traffic (Parking) Bylaw 555-00 to waive the 5-hour on-street parking restriction for statutory holidays;

AND WHEREAS this exemption has previously been temporarily extended to include religious and cultural celebrations such as Easter, Eid, and Diwali to reflect the diverse and inclusive community of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha are significant religious celebrations for the over 100,000 Muslims residing in Mississauga, during which family, community, and religious gatherings at places of worship are essential aspects of the observance;

AND WHEREAS the celebration of Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of Ramadan and Eid al-Adha, can vary by one to three days depending on the sighting of the moon, leading to diverse dates of observance within the Muslim community;

AND WHEREAS Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights, is a significant cultural and religious event celebrated by communities across the globe, including the Hindu, Sikh, Jain and Buddhist communities, with celebrations taking place over five days, with the main celebration dates varying from year to year based on the lunar calendar;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is home to a diverse population, including many thousands of residents who celebrate Diwali, resulting in increased traffic and parking demand, especially near temples, event venues and residential areas;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The City of Mississauga waive the 5-hour on-street parking restriction as follows:
  - a. From 5 a.m. to midnight on Friday, June 6, 2025, to Sunday, June 9, 2025, in recognition of Eid al-Adha 2025.

- b. From 5 a.m. to midnight on Thursday, March 19, 2026, and Friday, March 20, 2026, in recognition of Eid al-Fitr 2026, and those dates be adjusted each year accordingly.
- c. From 5 a.m. to midnight on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, to Thursday, May 28, 2026, in recognition of Eid al-Adha 2026, and those dates be adjusted each year accordingly.
- d. From 8 a.m. to midnight on Monday, October 20, 2025 and Tuesday, October 21, 2025, in recognition of Diwali 2025.
- e. From 8 a.m. to midnight on Sunday, November 8, 2026 and Monday, November 9, 2026, in recognition of Diwali 2026 and those dates be adjusted each year accordingly.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carolyn Parrish". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.