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Lethbridge

**CITY COUNCIL INQUIRY AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSE**

Submitted By: Belinda Crowson

Date Submitted: December 2, 2025

Subject: Improving parking and accessibility for those with disabilities who wish to attend Farmers Market at the Lethbridge Trade & Convention Centre

Respondent: Ahmed Ali, Transportation Engineering Manager

Meeting Date: [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)

Council Inquiry:	<p>During the election, I received feedback from individuals who wish to attend the Farmers' Market at the Lethbridge Trade and Convention Centre but face challenges due to limited mobility. One person suggested designating the parking stalls on Exhibition Way, outside the south entrance, as accessible parking exclusively on Saturdays during the Farmers' Market. On other days, these stalls would revert to general use.</p> <p>Is it feasible and/or legal to implement this arrangement, allowing the parking stalls to alternate between accessible and general status depending on the day of the week?</p> <p>Are there other options being considered for how to support those with limited mobility who wish to access the Trade & Convention Centre?</p>
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Administrative Response:	<p>Upon investigation to the subject parking area on Exhibition Way South, the area existed before the new Agri-Food Hub was built and the the Exhibition asked that it stay.</p> <p>Historically, it has been used to stage equipment etc. needed for large event and for bus/coach parking. We don't know if it is still needed. Likely a conversation would be needed with the Exhibition Folks to find out how they are using the area and to find out whether repurposing all or part of it for accessible parking would be beneficial, neutral or detrimental to their operations. The suggestion to do alternate between Accessible and General parking for some or all stalls is <u>not feasible</u>. The design</p>
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standard of Accessible parking is different from the General parking stalls.

Attached is a map showing all the Accessible stalls around the building.



It is important to note that all developments need to be in compliance with the Land-Use Bylaw requirements for Accessible parking stalls. To date, the parking has not been 'approved' on a development permit. They were not sure at the time of application how many stalls they will be providing and the Direct Control is written such as: "Parking shall be supplied as per submitted site plans for each development approval, to the satisfaction of the Development Authority. And, a new or updated TIA shall be submitted with each development application for permitted and/or discretionary uses..."