



MINUTE OF THE MAYOR

Dated: 23 March, 2020

RE: Free 15 Minute Parking at all Meters

For a number of years I have thought that North Sydney Council should be providing its residents and visitors with free parking for a 15 minute period at all our parking meters.

Our small businesses are struggling and need support in these uncertain times. Providing the opportunity for people to park outside a small business and quickly pick up items they need, whether it be bread & milk, a prescription, or just a coffee, is a win-win situation for both residents and the businesses.

The City of Sydney is currently trialling free 15 minute parking in retail areas of village main streets outside the City Centre.

I would like to see North Sydney conduct its own trial.

I therefore recommend:

- 1. THAT** Council receive a report from the General Manager (Director Engineering and Property Services) outlining the practicality of running a 12 month trial for free 15 minute parking at all North Sydney Council parking meters; and
- 2. THAT** the report be submitted to the April 2020 Council meeting.

**COUNCILLOR JILLY GIBSON
MAYOR**