

Halifax to open lot to fight winter parking ban blahs

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The city is opening up one of its own north-end lots to make room for overnight parking during the winter ban.

And the bargain basement price – about \$15 a month – to park at Bloomfield Centre off Agricola Street will help encourage people to keep their cars off the street.

That's the intent of the winter parking ban, reinstated this year after a three-year hiatus.

Its reinstatement was necessary, Mayor Peter Kelly said recently.

"People didn't even bother to take their cars off the street when they were required to during a snowstorm," he said.

Other lots were looked at as well, Mike Labrecque, director of Transportation and Public Works, told councillors this week.

However, it was decided to offer the Bloomfield Centre lot on a trial basis because day parking is already offered there.

The program will be evaluated at the end of the season.

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