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Put it in park in the new Carlisle Street Parking Garage

Jan. 6, 2012 – Finding a parking space downtown will be easier on Monday now that the new Carlisle Street Parking Garage is open for business.

Cars can roll into the upper levels of the much-anticipated garage and, for the remainder of January, park for free in one of the 500 spaces available. Drivers can access the new parking digs via the Garden Park entrance during this time. Permit and paid parking will start Feb. 1.

“This is an exciting day for our downtown,” Mayor Brian McMullan said. “This state-of-the-art structure, which is being applauded by our business community, will make it more convenient for people to visit the downtown, as well as support our new Performing Arts Centre and spectator facility.”

The new garage boasts a total of 600 spaces, including below-ground and accessible parking, a sky lobby that will open Feb. 1 connecting it with the Ministry of Transportation building and retail space. Although the garage is a car-centric construction project, a lighted walkway on the building’s south side helps pedestrians move easily between Carlisle Street and Garden Park. It also has many eco-friendly features, including rooftop gardens, LED sensor lighting, high-efficiency ventilation, bike racks and greywater collection for garden maintenance and wastewater in the staff washrooms.

The new edition of the Carlisle Street carpark cost \$27.9 million with the province and Ottawa contributing \$18.6 million from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

An official opening ceremony celebrating the garage’s completion will be held Friday, Jan. 20.

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