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HAMILTON CONSERVATORY FOR THE ARTS

**Subject: Important Update from the Artistic Director on Parking for HCA Families**

Dear HCA Families,

We hope this message finds you well. We are writing to inform you of an important change regarding parking that will take effect on **March 1, 2025**.

For the past 35 years, we have been fortunate to have access to a parking lot as a courtesy, and we truly appreciate the convenience this has provided to our Families. However, due to ongoing major improvements and reconstruction works of the Hamilton GO Center Station by Metrolinx in the area, the parking space we currently use will no longer be available. Construction has begun, and while we've been allowed to rent it and use the lot until February 28th, we will no longer be able to use it beyond that date.

At this time, we do not have a definite timeline for the completion of the construction, but we are actively exploring alternative parking solutions to minimize any disruptions.

In the meantime, we are pleased to offer **8 parking spots** through the alleyway between **111 McNab Street and 117 McNab Street** (maximum 1-hour parking), dedicated to HCA students and parents.

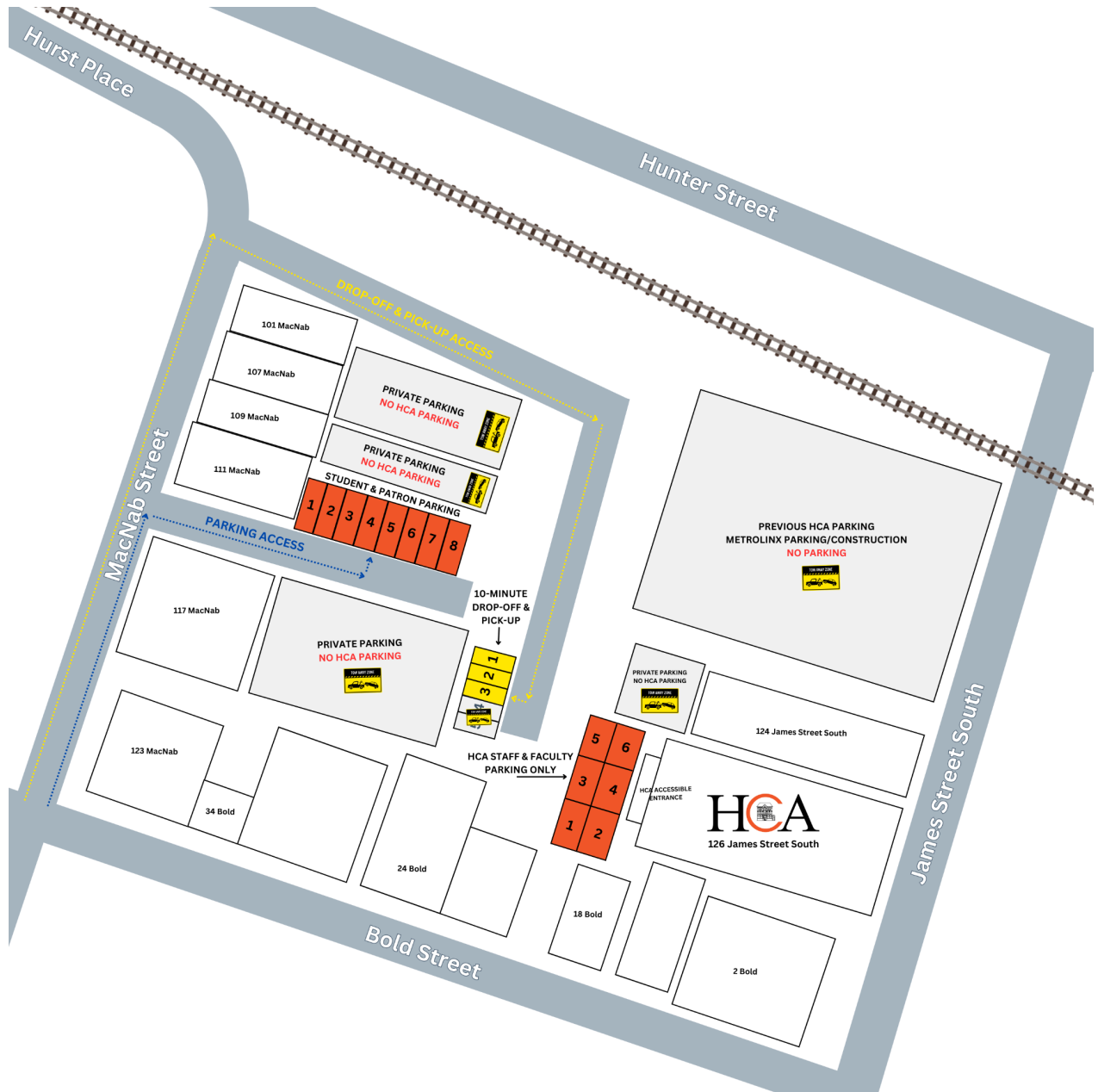
Additionally, **3 more drop-off spots (max. 10-15-min parking, Monday through Friday from 4.30 pm - 9.30 pm and Saturdays from 9 - 5 pm)** will be available, clearly marked and numbered with green labels 1, 2, and 3, accessible from the original entrance to the parking area. We hope these new options will help ease the transition.

It is crucial that we respect the generosity of our neighbors and do not take advantage of their kind offer of additional parking, especially outside of the mentioned days and hours or in the other parking spots numbered 4 and 5.

If this happens, HCA cannot take any responsibility on vehicles towed away.

**Suggestion:** We recommend you drop your student off in the drop-off area (numbered parking 1, 2 and 3), check if there is an available park behind 111 McNab and head there only if there are spots available to avoid congestion.

Here and attached is a clear map outlining where you can park and where you cannot. We recommend printing it or keeping it on your phone when you come to HCA.



The accessible entrance at the back will be open during operational hours, allowing direct access to HCA from the back.

Lastly, please note that parking on the surrounding streets is often free Monday to Friday after 6 pm and on Saturdays (just be sure to carefully check the street signs for any specific restrictions). **We strongly encourage you to consider using these alternative parking options to help reduce congestion at HCA.**

We ask for your patience as we continue to explore additional parking options. Rest assured, we are doing everything we can to ensure minimal impact on your experience at HCA during this time.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Warm regards,

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