

City of Vancouver Film Office News



Spring 2009

Things are looking up!

It's strange to be involved in a business where bad times mean good times, but that's how it is in the film industry; and, like many of you, we're guardedly grateful for it. When times are tough people love to watch TV and movies to forget their troubles, and reality doesn't always cut it, so bring on the adventures, comedies and feel-good shows.

We're looking at more changes of staff in the Film Office, as Sara Spearman prepares to start on an exciting new career as an RCMP civilian at the end of the month. Josie Hall has joined our happy throng, but will be focussing on Special Events work for the next few months, and we'll likely be bringing on another new liaison in the near future. As we start getting busy again, we encourage you to get your paperwork and requests in early to ensure approval for your work. That's particularly important if you're polling for late night work, which many of you are doing at this time of year. There are easy to follow directions on our website about everything from writing your polling letter to clearly mapping your results. The more you do yourself the faster you're likely to get your approval.

It's been a long time for many of us since we've been focussed on the fast and furious world of location filming; getting up to speed again by reminding yourselves of our requirements with a look at our website is a great way to get it right the first time.

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Sensitive Areas

There are fewer "HOT" locations than usual, but there are still a number of frequency restrictions in sensitive neighbourhoods like **GASTOWN, YALETOWN, and SOUTHLANDS**, and other areas in the City that have or will have significant filming activity. Remember to check with the Film Office before showing any locations to your production team, as what's hot and what's not can change on very short notice.



HOT: (no new permits at or around these locations)

- 3357 W 34th
- 3800 Angus
- 2700 Cambridge

SENSITIVE: (more details available from your liaison)

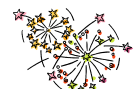
- 1489 McRae (Hycroft)
- 5400 Cartier (Vancouver College)
- 1300 W 46th
- 3689 Selkirk (Rosemary/Cenacle)
- 200-300 Alexander
- 300-400 W Cordova
- 4490 Angus
- 7275 Blenheim
- 727 Templeton (Templeton SS)

The Film Office Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:



Friday, April 10th - Good Friday
Monday, April 13th - Easter

Monday, May 18th - Victoria Day
Wednesday, July 1st - Canada Day



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Road Ahead

For up to date information on major roadwork projects please visit roadahead.ca.

The following are some streets that will have interruptions due to street work:

Carrall St (Powell to Hastings) - Greenway project reconstruction until September.

Granville St (W Cordova to Drake) - Redesign includes water main construction Monday to Friday including sidewalk reconstruction, relocation of power lines and paving. For more information please visit vancouver.ca/granvilleredesign.

W 16th (Trafalgar to Crown) - Water works construction until November.

Yukon (2nd to 8th) - Sewer construction starting July 16th for ten weeks.

CANADA LINE PROJECT:

For up to date information on construction related closures and reroutes please visit canadaline.ca.

Cambie St

- **W 12th to Broadway** - paving completed by early June
- **Broadway to Cambie Bridge** - paving completed by end of April
- **W 2nd/W 6th** - excavation work on 2nd at Cambie is underway, traffic reduced to one lane each way.

W Hastings at Granville is reduced to one lane each way until further notice for the Waterfront Station construction.

Granville Mall is closed between Pender and Hastings, and from Robson to Georgia.

Davie St - Pacific to Hamilton closed until mid-May.

Special Events

April 11th - Vasaikhi Parade: Celebration will affect Fraser St, SE Marine Dr, Main St, and E 41st Ave.



April 19th - Vancouver Sun Run: Route will affect the downtown core, Burrard & Cambie Bridges, and north and south shores of False Creek.

April 25th - Cambie All Access Event: Street party on the east side of Cambie from W 6th Ave to Broadway.

May 3rd - BMO Marathon: Route will affect the downtown core, Burrard Bridge, Cornwall, W 6th/2nd, Strathcona, Coal Harbour, and Stanley Park.

May 11th-19th - Vancouver International Children's Festival: Vanier Park



June 14th - Car Free Day: Several closures including Commercial Dr, Main St, Denman St, and various Kitsilano and Dunbar neighbourhoods.

June 20th-21st - Dragon Boat Festival: North and South shores of False Creek

June 27th-28th - Gastown Jazz Festival



July 4th-5th - Yaletown Jazz Festival

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News and Reminders

Neighbourhood Follow Up Survey:



In an attempt to better understand the varying impacts of film activity on neighbourhoods, the Film Office has created postage-paid post-filming survey cards which will be distributed around locations where significant production has just wrapped. The feedback will help us determine the activities that have the most impact on neighbourhoods and residents, and if necessary, allow us to better assess them.

Scouting:

When you send out scouts looking for homes and neighbourhoods to film in,



please make sure they have our latest hot list BEFORE they go. And if they have questions, have them call the general Film Office number - not Muriel's direct line, please. As well, if you haven't got your application in yet, but know you'll have scouts out and about please give us a heads up about the show - we often take calls from citizens wondering if the guy knocking at their door is 'legit'....and we'd like to be able to say "yes".

Location Checks: How to get an answer faster

When you're asking for a location we need to know more than just the address and dates... Is it interior or exterior? A recurring location? For a long period of time? Will there be special effects? Curfew extensions? ITC or closures? Please provide as much detail as possible with your initial location request.

Letter Writing 101:



Anyone can write a good notification and polling letter - if they refer to the sample letters available on our website ([check it out](#)). The letters need not be identical to our templates, but must contain the information described on our sample and be sensible and accurate. Please proof read your letters for accuracy before sending. Liaisons are here to be a second set of eyes to catch the small errors or omissions, not to catch significant factual errors or rewrite them for you.

Problems or Cancellations After Hours:

Signs in the wrong place? That lamp post you needed removed still there? Stood up by traffic control? In the event of problems after hours, on weekends, or on holidays, please call Muriel's cell phone (604-230-3332) and she will do her very best to relay your concern to the right person or department.

Insurance:

Avoid confusion and possible delays by using the newest form only. It says "Jan 08" on the bottom and has the new City logo on the top corner. Please download the new form if you haven't already.

Billing:



Please be reminded that it takes two weeks for us to process your final bill. We have to wait for all the departments who provided services for you (i.e. Traffic Ops, Meters, VPD, VFRS, Parks, Electrical Ops, etc.) to process their charges and pass them on to Accounting, and then finally to us.