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Dear Mayor and Council,

The attached memo provides an overview of upcoming community and school engagement for the Lord Selkirk Elementary Year-Round School Street (YRSS) project. Lord Selkirk is located in the Kensington-Cedar Cottage neighbourhood on E 22nd Avenue. The YRSS is part of the School Streets Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Taryn Scollard at taryn.scollard@vancouver.ca or 604.873.7789.

Best,

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the x m k y m (Musqueam), S wx\u817 _wú7mesh (Squamish), and s lilw ta (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

May 7, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Paul Mochrie, City Manager
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FROM: Taryn Scollard
Deputy General Manager, Engineering Services

SUBJECT: Lord Selkirk Year-Round School Street

RTS #: N/A

Purpose

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Background: School Streets Program

A school street is a car-free block beside a school open to walking, biking, and rolling during student pick-up and drop-off times for approximately 30-60 minutes. School streets rely on volunteers to set up temporary barriers during these times. Vehicles are not permitted to enter or exit the block when a school street is in effect, except in an emergency.

The School Streets Program aims to:

- Improve safety for students arriving and leaving school
- Increase active travel and transit for school trips
- Foster community connections within the neighbourhood and school community

In 2024, four elementary schools participated in the School Streets Program. Students and families reported increased walking, biking and sense of safety. Additional details are in the [School Streets Program Report August 2024](#). In 2025, five schools will be participating in the program. Further details are included in the School Streets Program – 2025 Update to Council.

Lord Selkirk Year-Round School Street (YRSS) Project

The YRSS would span one block on E 22nd Avenue between Welwyn and Commercial streets (see Appendix A). Using quick-build materials, it would create a car-free or car-light area in front of Lord Selkirk Elementary that is in effect all day every day of the year, not just during school pick-up and drop-off times.

Lord Selkirk has participated in the spring School Streets Program for two years. This year, it has been running School Streets on Fridays from November 2024 to June 2025, and will also participate in the spring program for four weeks. Beginning in September 2025, the school will pilot a year-round paid staff model during all school days at pick-up and drop-off times, with grant support from the National Active School Streets Initiative. The school community has responded positively to the School Streets Program, with 84% of students, parents, and staff supporting the program's continuation after the 2024 spring school street. The idea of a YRSS was sparked by the school community, which is why we are now engaging on this project.

The project is a partnership with the Vancouver School Board and has a budget of \$100,000.

Community Engagement

Phase 1 community and school engagement will be from May 20 to June 13, 2025. Staff will seek feedback on three design approaches for the YRSS (see Appendix B). Each approach presents benefits and trade-offs regarding public space, vehicle access, parking and improved road safety.

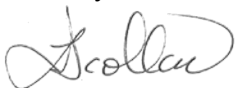
Engagement activities will include community pop-ups, a survey, direct outreach to businesses and residents, meetings with stakeholders, and a student activity. Residents and businesses in the area will receive a notification letter detailing how to participate.

Next Steps

Once feedback is collected and analyzed, staff will share findings with the community in summer 2025. In fall 2025, staff will return to the community to share the proposed YRSS plan for feedback in a second phase of engagement. Implementation of the YRSS could start in September 2026.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Taryn Scollard, P.Eng., MBA
Deputy General Manager, Engineering Services

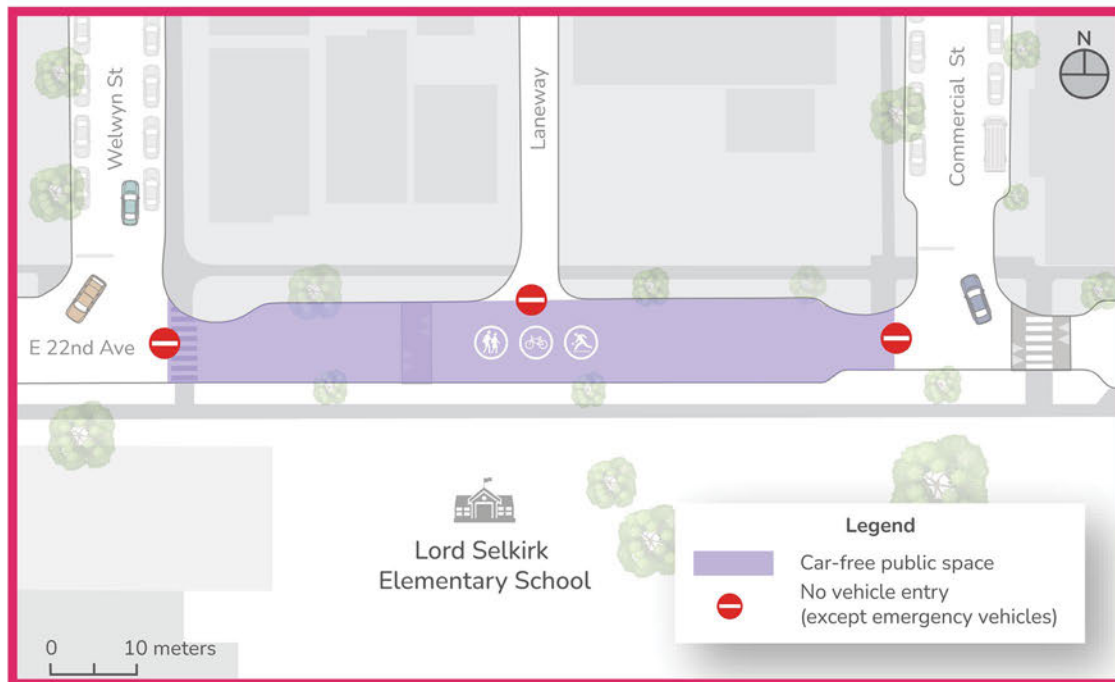
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Appendix A: Project Map



Appendix B: Design Approaches

Approach 1 - Full closure (preferred)

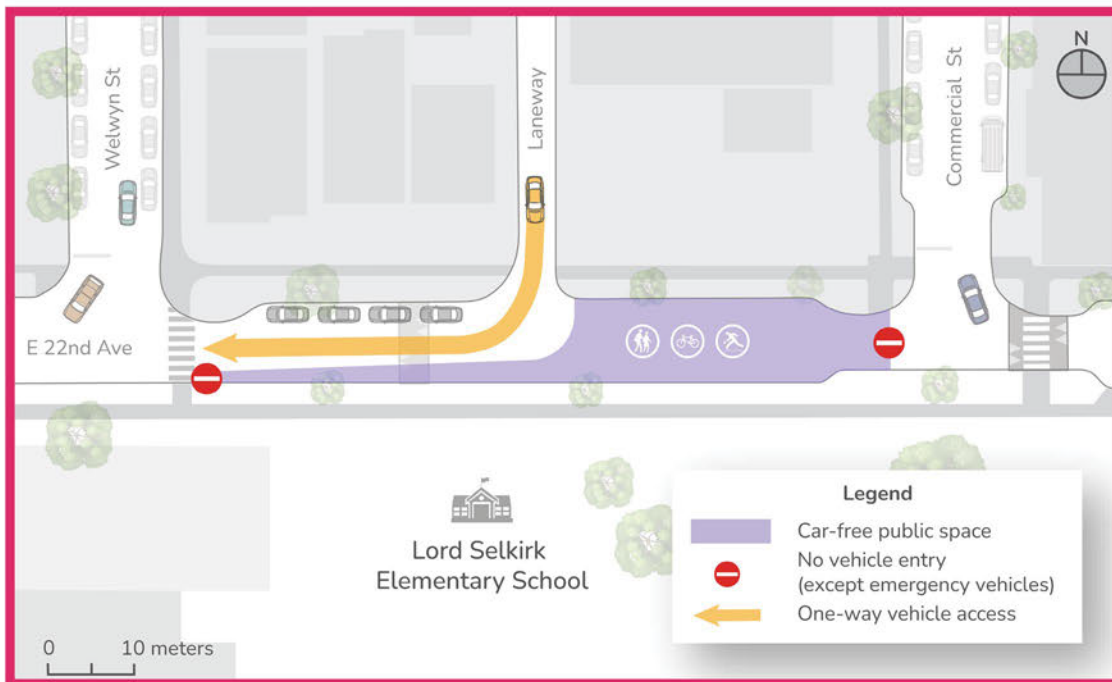


Design evaluation

- Improve road safety
- Maximize public space
- Maintain vehicle access
- Retain parking

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Approach 2 - Hybrid closure

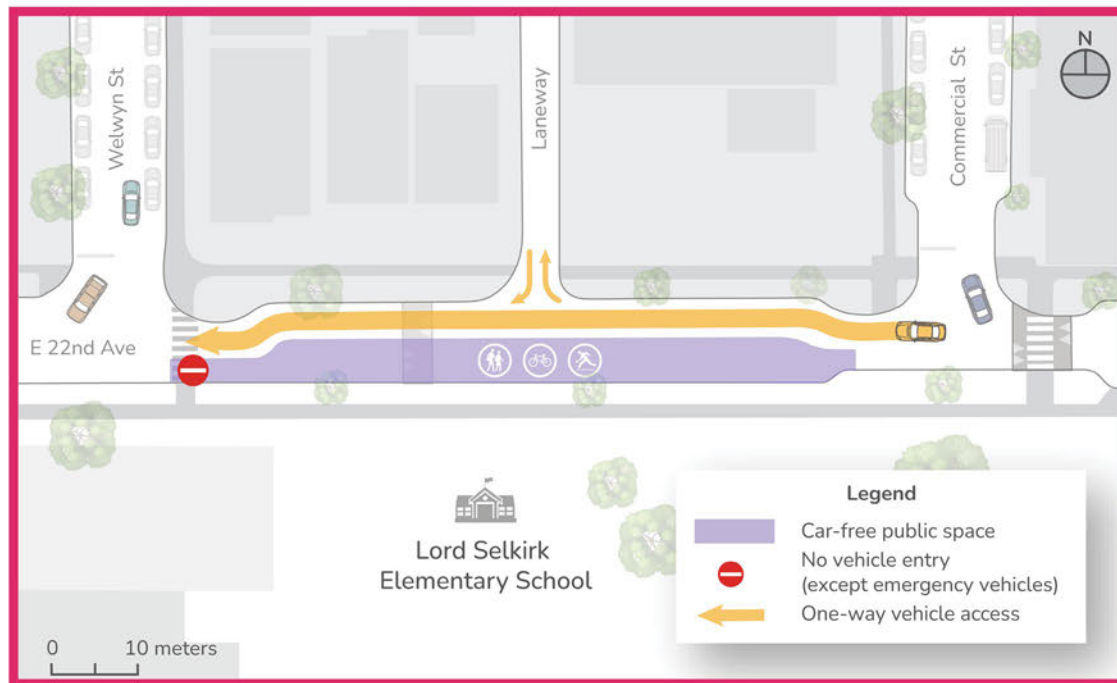


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Approach 3 - One-way



Design evaluation

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- Maintain vehicle access
- Retain parking

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