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Subject: M&C Invitation: Weekly Sunday Water Street pedestrian zone kickoff (Sunday, June 15)

Dear Mayor and Council,

We are pleased to invite you to a media event celebrating another summer of excitement in Gastown. This media event will take place in Gastown on Sunday, June 15th.

We recognize that this event is taking on Father's Day and welcome those celebrating to do so in Gastown with us.

Date: Sunday, June 15, 2025

Time: Noon to 12:45 pm

Location: Gastown (location TBC)

Speakers include: Ken Sim, Mayor, City of Vancouver
Staff and other representatives

This media event will be an opportunity to kick off the first Sunday of the Weekly Sunday Water Street pedestrian zone, share information about investments in Gastown and to answer questions from media. Additional event details will be provided at a future date.

Please RSVP to media@vancouver.ca

Note: This is an outdoor event that will run rain or shine.

Additional Background

- The City of Vancouver is supporting another summer of excitement in Gastown by testing public space and transportation changes that will help shape future upgrades and programming in the neighbourhood. This summer, from June to September, here are some of the things you will see happening in Gastown:

- Weekly Sunday Water Street pedestrian zone: Starting June 15 until August 31st, Water Street will be car-free on Sundays from 10 am – 6 pm, between Richards and Columbia streets.
- Public space enhancements on Water Street: More seating, extended patios and other placemaking features will be installed at the east and west entrances, Maple Tree Square, and at key points along Water Street to enhance the experience for everyone, every day.
- Improved neighbourhood access: Cordova Street has been temporarily converted to two-way vehicle traffic between Gore Avenue and Richards Street to improve access for residents, service providers and visitors.
- The first day of the Water Street Pedestrian Zone will be Sunday, June 15.
- These temporary changes are part of the broader effort to test public space and transportation changes in the neighbourhood to inform long-term investments as part of Gastown Public Spaces Plan.

Best,

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