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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council -

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Subject: Celebrate the Year of the Horse at the 52nd Annual Lunar New Year Parade in historic Chinatown

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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the below news release regarding the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chinatown Spring Festival Parade celebrating Lunar New Year.

Please keep this news release embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account at 2 pm.

Chris will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,

Armin

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News Release  
City of Vancouver  
February 19, 2026

# Celebrate the Year of the Horse at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lunar New Year Parade in historic Chinatown

Communities across Vancouver will welcome the Lunar New Year with vibrant celebrations, cultural traditions and festive gatherings, to usher in the Year of the Horse. Residents and visitors alike are invited to take part in one of the city's most anticipated events — the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chinatown Spring Festival Parade — taking place February 22 in Vancouver's historic Chinatown.

Lunar New Year is celebrated by many cultures and communities across Vancouver, and the Chinatown Spring Festival Parade is one of several events marking the season citywide.

"As our city comes together to celebrate the Lunar New Year and welcome the Year of the Horse, we honour the traditions and communities that make this season so meaningful across Vancouver," said Mayor Ken Sim. "The Chinatown Spring Festival Parade is a cherished tradition that reflects the neighbourhood's history, cultural leadership and community spirit, and I encourage everyone to experience the joy and connection it brings."

The Chinatown Spring Festival Parade is one of many annual events that contribute to the neighbourhood's cultural vibrancy and economic vitality. In June 2024, Vancouver City Council approved the [Chinatown Cultural District Framework](#), which guides the City's ongoing efforts to support revitalization, economic growth and community development in Chinatown.

## Attending the parade

To help ensure the parade operates as smoothly as possible, attendees are encouraged to:

- Walk, bike, roll or take transit whenever possible.
- Stay informed of road closures.
- Put waste in its place: dispose of waste in the nearest garbage, recycling or organics bin. Additional waste bins will be added for the events.
- Be considerate of the neighbourhood and keep noise to a minimum when leaving.

Public safety continues to be our top priority. To support an enjoyable experience for everyone, the City is working closely with partners, including the Vancouver Police Department and Vancouver Fire Rescue Services.

## Parade route

The parade begins at 11 am on February 22, 2026, and will last approximately three hours. It will start at the Millennium Gate (West Pender Street and Taylor Street), proceeding along East Pender Street, Gore Street, and concluding at the intersection of Keefer Street and Carrall Street. The parade covers a distance of 1.3 kilometres.

View a map of the [parade route](#).

## Traffic impacts

To accommodate the parade, road closures will be in effect on Sunday, February 22, 2026, between 8 am and 5 pm on sections of the following streets:

- Main Street
- Pender Street (East and West)
- Beatty Street
- Abbott Street
- Taylor Street
- Shanghai Alley
- Columbia Street
- Quebec Street
- Carrall Street
- Keefer Street
- Keefer Place
- Gore Avenue
- East Georgia Street

Alleys in the parade area will also be closed, including access to private parkades. Residents of Taylor Street and Shanghai Alley will have vehicular access to Keefer Place, westbound only.

#### Tips and resources

If you are travelling in and around the event areas:

- Plan ahead and expect delays.
- Follow all detours and abide by no parking signs.
- Learn more about [road closures](#) across the city.
- Follow #VanTraffic or use our [traffic cameras](#) to check traffic conditions along your commute.
- Visit [TransLink alerts](#) for changes or disruptions to your bus service.

For more information on the Chinatown Spring Festival Parade, [visit the event organizer's website](#).

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