

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS**

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**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**

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**TIN TỨC QUAN TRỌNG**

Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

April 28, 2025

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner,

**RE: Preparations begin for two-way Cordova Street and Sunday Water Street  
Pedestrian Zone Pilot for summer 2025**

This summer, three changes are coming to your area: Cordova Street will become two-way; Water Street public realm enhancements will be installed; and Water Street will become a Pedestrian Zone on Sundays. This letter outlines what you can expect to see in the coming weeks as we prepare for the summer. Thank you in advance for your patience as we undertake this work.

Cordova Street will be converted to a two-way street between Gore Avenue and Richards Street. Additionally, traffic lanes on Powell Street between Gore Street and Columbia Street will be modified to encourage through-traffic to divert to Cordova Street. These temporary changes aim to improve access for residents, service providers and visitors, and will support public realm enhancements on Water Street and Water Street Pedestrian Zone Sundays.

Public realm enhancements on Water Street this summer include public seating, extended patios, plantings, placemaking nodes, and programming focused at key locations that can be enjoyed during the week and on car-free Pedestrian Zone Sundays. Additionally, an eastbound on-street bicycle lane will be introduced from Richards Street to Alexander Street.

The Water Street Pedestrian Zone Sundays will be car-free, with events and community programming. It will operate from Richards Street to Columbia Street on Sundays (10am–6pm) from June through September long weekend, with the first occurring on **Sunday, June 15**. More details on the traffic management plan for the Pedestrian Zone Sundays will be shared next month.

A map showing the changes planned for this summer's pilot has been attached to this letter. Learnings from this summer will inform the Gastown Public Spaces Plan, which will guide future investments in the area.

## Upcoming Changes to Cordova Street and Powell Street

In early May, crews will begin construction on the conversion of Cordova Street to two-way traffic and the reconfiguration of lanes on Powell Street. This work includes changes to traffic signals, updating lane markings and signage, and the placement of barriers. It is anticipated to take two to three weeks.

During this time, you can expect the following:

- **Impacted area:** Cordova Street from Richards Street to Gore Avenue and Powell Street from Gore Avenue to Columbia Street
- **Work hours:** Work will generally take place Monday to Friday, 7am to 5pm. Some extended work hours may be needed overnight or on weekends.
- **Noise, dust and vibration:** Some noise and dust can be expected while the work is underway.
- **Property access:** Pedestrian access to residences and businesses will be maintained at all times.
- **Parking and loading:** Watch for No Parking signs throughout the area as work progresses.
  - In particular, parking along the north side of Cordova Street from Richards Street to Gore Avenue will be temporarily removed from **May 12 to May 24**.
  - Access to all driveways and public parkades will be retained.
  - Additional temporary loading zones will be in place at Cambie Street, Abbott Street, Columbia Street and Main Street.
  - There will be no parking or loading on the south side of Cordova Street during rush hour (weekdays 3-7pm) in order to create a second eastbound travel lane.
- **Transit:**
  - Shortly after Cordova Street reopens as a two-way street, Route 50 will move from Water Street to Cordova Street, with bus stops located west of Columbia Street and west of Abbott Street. There will be no impacts to schedule or service hours.
  - Visit [TransLink.ca/alerts](https://translink.ca/alerts) for changes or updates to your bus service.
- **Traffic:**
  - **Early May:** Intermittent closures for survey and removal of line markings.
  - **May 12 to May 24:**
    - Closure of two lanes on the north side of Cordova Street
    - One eastbound traffic lane will be retained along Cordova Street, during rush hour (weekdays 3-7pm), the south side curb lane of Cordova Street will become a second eastbound vehicle travel lane
    - Intermittent closures on Powell Street
    - Near the end of this time period, the right turn from Water Street to Cordova Street will be prohibited

Once construction is completed in late May, Cordova Street will re-open as a two-way street for the summer. During this time, the City will be monitoring the performance of the street.

### **Preparing Water Street for Summer 2025**

In May, crews will be preparing for public space enhancements on Water Street and the Water Street Pedestrian Zone. This work will also include the introduction of an eastbound on-street bicycle lane from Richards Street to Alexander Street.

During this time, you can expect the following:

- **Early May:** Alexander Street west of Columbia Street will become two-way and will no longer be accessible by motor vehicles from Maple Tree Square.
- **Late May:** Line painting and installation of barriers, furniture, and planters along Water Street will take place. Drivers can expect intermittent closures along Powell Street and Water Street from Columbia to Richards Street. While there may be momentary disruptions, access to residences and businesses will be maintained at all times.

The implementation of public space enhancements along Water Street is anticipated to be completed by **June 6**.

We look forward to welcoming visitors to the Gastown neighbourhood this summer!

### **Questions?**

Have a question? Get in touch at [\*\*gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca\*\*](mailto:gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca).

If you need language interpretation services, please call 3-1-1.

Sincerely,



Lisa Parker, BCSLA  
Director of Public Space & Street Use, Engineering Services





## 2025 Gastown Pilot | June to September 2025

### Traffic Circulation

- Lane reductions - adding left turn lanes
- ⊘ Turn restrictions
- ▨ Water Street Pedestrian Zone - every Sunday
- ↔ Two-way traffic on Cordova St
- 🚌 Route #50 bus detoured to Cordova St from Water St
- Eastbound on-street bicycle lane

*\*Throughout the summer, staff will monitor these changes and make adjustments as needed.*