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Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

June 5, 2025

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner,

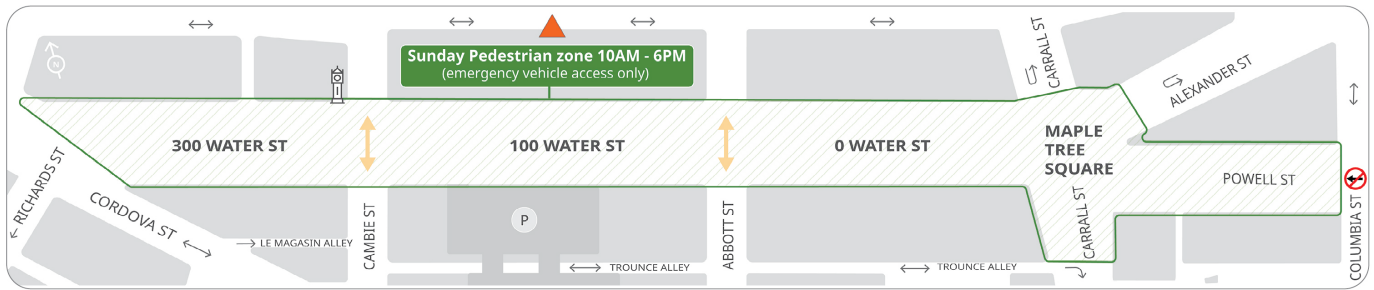
RE: Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot begins June 15

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 your neighbourhood:

- **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**. This letter outlines what you can expect during the Water Street Pedestrian Zone this summer on Sundays (10 am – 6 pm). As these changes take effect, we encourage everyone to be patient and observant while adjusting to the new traffic patterns.


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.




Water Street Pedestrian Zone | Sundays, June to September 2025 (10am - 6pm)

Traffic Closures and Circulation

 Water Street Pedestrian Zone Sundays
10am - 6pm (emergency vehicle access only)

 Restricted access, no through traffic onto
Water Street

 Local access to laneways for residents and businesses located on
the north side of Water Street

 Construction area, no through traffic

What to expect on Water Street on Sundays

- **Traffic:**
 - The Water Street Pedestrian Zone will be car-free from Richards Street to Columbia Street. Traffic control setup is expected to begin shortly before 10 am and removal at 6 pm. This will take about 15 minutes. The City will be monitoring this approach and may make adjustments as needed.
 - Local access to laneways for residents and businesses on the north side of Water Street will be allowed at Abbott Street and Cambie Street
 - The laneway behind 131 Water Street will remain closed to through traffic due to ongoing 3rd party construction.
- **Parking and loading:**
 - Access to the EasyPark parkade from the Water Street entrance will not be permitted on Sundays (10 am – 6pm). Please use the Cordova Street entrance during this time. On Sundays, EasyPark will provide access to the gated compounds through the Cordova Street entrance. If you have additional questions, please inquire directly at MP@easypark.ca.
 - On Sundays, the Gastown Business Improvement Society (GBIS) will be offering free parking at the EasyPark parkade. Details will be shared on the GBIS website at gastown.org.
 - There will be no on-street parking or loading along Water Street on Sundays between 9 am – 6 pm.
- **Transit:**
 - With Cordova Street now two-way, Route 50 has now moved from Water Street to Cordova Street for the duration of the summer, 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** for changes or updates to your bus service.

- **Cycling:**

- For the summer, enhancements on Water Street include an eastbound painted bicycle lane.
- Slow cycling will be permitted through the Sunday Pedestrian Zone area.
- A free bike valet will be available during the Sunday Pedestrian Zone from 10 am to 7 pm at Water Street and Abbott Street.

Please refer to our website for maps detailing the parking and operations, as well as the transit and cycling changes to the area. Visit **vancouver.ca/gastown** to learn more.

Events during the Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone

The City is collaborating with the Gastown Business Improvement Society (GBIS) and local organizations to create a welcoming, pedestrian-first experience every Sunday on Water Street. Each Sunday, Water Street will feature different types of programming to see how the pedestrian zone works with varying levels of activations, ranging from bigger city-wide events to days with a community focus. Alongside community-led events, the GBIS will be organizing the Gastown Sunday Set, a curated set of free, rotating events every Sunday. To learn more, visit **gastown.org/sundayset**.

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

Questions?

Get in touch at **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

