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March 10, 2025

Dear resident and/or business owner,

RE: Summer 2025 Gastown update, Cordova Street changes

With summer fast approaching we are sharing an update on the City's ongoing efforts to enhance public spaces, promote local business and create a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere in Gastown. 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:** This summer's car-free pedestrian zone will operate on Sundays (10 am – 6 pm) from June through September long weekend, from Richards Street to Columbia Street.
- **Public space enhancements on Water Street:** We are adding seating, programming and extended patios on Water Street all summer, seven days a week, at key locations that can be enjoyed both when vehicles are moving through the area and on pedestrian zone days.
- **Improved neighbourhood access:** Cordova Street, which is currently one-way, will temporarily become two-way for vehicle traffic between Gore Avenue and Richards Street to improve access for residents, service providers and visitors.

Two-way Cordova Street - what to expect

The following changes will be made to reduce traffic on Water Street and improve access for residents, service providers and visitors.

- Cordova Street will be converted from a one-way street into a two-way street between Gore Avenue and Richards Street.
- Through-vehicle lanes will be reduced on Powell Street at Gore, Main and Columbia Streets with left-turn lanes added to facilitate traffic rerouting to Cordova Street.

Cordova Street is expected to return to a one-way eastbound street by late September. Throughout the summer, staff will monitor these changes and make adjustments as needed.

Next steps

Late March to May 2025: Street crews will begin preparations for the conversion of two-way Cordova Street including changes to traffic signals, updating lane markings and minor street modifications.

May to September 2025: In late May, the following changes will come into effect:

- **Traffic:**
 - A westbound lane will be added to Cordova Street between Gore and Richards streets.
 - The southside curb lane on Cordova Street between Gore and Richards streets will be a vehicle travel lane during the evening rush hour between 3pm to 7pm daily.
- **Parking:**
 - Parking on the south side of the street will be permitted, except during evening rush hours - please watch for new parking signs.
 - The EasyPark Gastown parkade (lot 8) will be accessible from the westbound vehicle lane on Cordova Street.
- **Transit:**
 - Route 50 will move from Water Street to Cordova Street, with bus stops located west of Columbia Street and west of Abbott Street.
 - Visit [TransLink.ca/alerts](https://translink.ca/alerts) for changes or updates to your bus service.

You can find a map showing traffic changes on page 4 or **visit us in the Woodward's Atrium** to learn more about upcoming changes to Cordova Street:

- Thursday, April 3 between 4 pm and 6 pm
- Saturday, April 5 between 9 am and 11 am

Public Washrooms Coming Fall 2025

Installation of two new public washrooms in Gastown and the Downtown Eastside will begin later this fall at the following locations:

- Powell Street at Main Street
- Abbott Street at Water Street

We aim to have both locations open to the public by the end of the year (2025) to address critical need in the neighbourhood, improve safety and hygiene in the area, enhance visitor experience and better support community events.

Help animate the Water Street Pedestrian Zone this summer:

Applications for the “Open Streets Permit” for the Water Street Pedestrian Zone will open in the coming weeks. This can include community gatherings and dialogues, art and cultural events, live music, shared market stalls, workshops and other activities. Gastown residents, businesses and community organizations are encouraged to apply for funding to bring your ideas to the neighbourhood. Visit vancouver.ca/open-streets-permit for updates in the coming weeks.

Gastown Public Spaces Plan

This summer’s pedestrian zone and temporary changes to Cordova Street will inform the Gastown Public Spaces Plan, which will guide further planning and investment in the area.

Stay informed and connected.

For more updates in the coming weeks and to learn about the City’s investments in Gastown visit vancouver.ca/gastown

Get in touch with our team at gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,








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Figure 1. Two-Way Cordova Map



-  Lane reductions - adding left-turn lanes
-  Two-way traffic
-  Route 50 bus stop
-  Turn restrictions
-  One-way traffic westbound

*Draft - details subject to change