

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please have this translated

重要資訊: 請找人為你翻譯

重要資訊: 請找人為你翻譯

MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON:

Mangyaring isalin ito

ਜ਼ਰੂਰੀ ਜਾਣਕਾਰੀ:

ਕਿਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਇਸਦਾ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਕਰਵਾਓ

TIN TỨC QUAN TRỌNG:

Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

중요정보: 번역해주세요

اطلاعات مهم: لطفا درخواست کنید
که این اطلاعات را برای شما ترجمه کنند

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE:

Busque a alguien que le traduzca

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS:

Prière de les faire traduire

重要な情報: これを翻訳してください

معلومات مهمة: البحث على الترجمة

February 16, 2024

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner

RE: Traffic changes coming to Gastown starting March 2024

The City of Vancouver is investing in Gastown. In 2024, the City will renew some aging streets and infrastructure and test improvements to public spaces. This work will inform future investments in the neighbourhood.

There is a lot happening in Gastown over the coming months, which will involve temporary changes to traffic flow in the area. Upcoming projects include:

1. Repairs to Maple Tree Square from March-June, 2024
2. The introduction of the Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot from July-August, 2024

Local vehicle access for residents and businesses will be maintained at all times. This includes deliveries and access for visitors and customers.

For the latest updates visit vancouver.ca/gastown.

Repairs to Maple Tree Square: March 2024 to June 2024

Starting this March, the City will begin repairs to Maple Tree Square. This work includes removing damaged brick pavers and asphalt repair patches in the roadway and replacing them with new brick pavers. These interim repairs will make the street safer and easier to use while we work towards a long-term vision for the area as part of the Gastown Public Spaces Plan.

Why this work is taking place

Gastown's streets need repair, especially in Maple Tree Square, where asphalt patches, loose bricks, and broken pavers make it difficult for many people to move around.

What to expect during the Maple Tree Square closure and construction

Maple Tree Square will be closed to vehicles during construction. Construction is expected to take place from early March to June 2024. Residents, businesses and visitors to the area can expect the following during construction:

- **Work hours:** Monday – Saturday, 7am – 8pm, with the possibility of work on Sundays, as required.
- **Property access:** Access to businesses and homes will be retained at all times.
- **Noise, dust and vibration:** Some noise and dust can be expected while the work is underway.
- **Restaurant patios adjacent to construction:** Renewal of summer patio permits will be delayed until construction is complete. Existing sidewalk patios, with an annual permit, will not be impacted and permit renewals will continue as scheduled. Staff will be reaching out to impacted patio operators.
- **Maple Tree Square access:** Maple Tree Square will be closed to vehicles to safely allow repairs to the brick pavers.
- **Walking and cycling:** Pedestrian and cyclist access will be retained around Maple Tree Square with detours in place. Please follow detour signage.
- **Parking:** Some temporary parking restrictions to safely accommodate construction are expected. Watch for No Parking signs as work progresses. Most street parking in the area will be retained including regular access to all public parkades.
- **Transit:** Westbound #50 buses will be detoured off Water Street and onto Hastings Street. Buses will have a new temporary stop at a nearby location at Waterfront Station. Eastbound #50 buses will remain on Cordova St and Cambie St and continue to stop on Cordova at Homer St (Stop #50036). All other bus routes in the area will continue to operate on their regular routes during the pedestrian pilot. Visit translink.ca/alerts for more information about any bus stops changes or detours along the route.
- **Traffic:** The following traffic changes will be in effect to allow for construction:
 - Vehicles will not be able to travel through Maple Tree Square but pedestrian and cycling access will be retained.
 - Traffic detours will be in place at Powell Street and Main Street.
 - Westbound through-traffic will not be allowed to continue past Main Street from Powell Street. All traffic will need to turn right or left at Main Street.
 - Powell Street between Columbia Street and Harbour Light Alley will be local access only.
 - Alexander Street, east of Maple Tree Square, will be made two-way. Vehicle access will not be allowed through Maple Tree Square.
 - Columbia Street will be converted to a two-way street between Powell Street and Hastings Street. City staff will monitor Columbia Street throughout the duration of construction and the Water Street pedestrian pilot to assess whether it remains a two-way street for a longer period.
 - Following construction completion, Maple Tree Square will remain closed to vehicles in support of the upcoming Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot.

Please refer to **Appendix A** for a map illustrating the road closures and traffic changes.

Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot: July 2024 to August 2024

This July and August, Water Street will become a pedestrian zone with public seating, expanded patios, art and other installations.

During the pedestrian zone pilot, the following traffic changes will be in place:

Car-light zone (local access only):

- Water Street, from Maple Tree Square to Cambie Street

Car-free zone (emergency vehicle access only):

- Maple Tree Square
- Water Street, from Cambie to Richards Street

Abbott Street will provide vehicle access to Water Street and back lanes for residents, businesses, and visitors to enter the area to park or load.

During some special events, Water Street will be closed to all vehicle traffic. The City will provide advanced notice to Gastown residents and businesses in these instances. Emergency vehicles will always be able to access Water Street. Residents and businesses along Water Street will continue to have vehicle access to their homes and businesses via the back lanes.

Gastown Public Spaces Plan

Work is underway to develop a Public Spaces Plan to guide investments and planning for the future of public spaces in Gastown.

In fall/winter 2023, we completed the first phase of public engagement for the Gastown Public Spaces Plan. A summary of what we heard can be found online at vancouver.ca/gastown. The second phase of public engagement for the Gastown Public Spaces Plan will launch this summer.

Questions?

More details will be shared as planning continues. For more information or to get involved, visit vancouver.ca/gastown.

Contact our team at gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca.

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

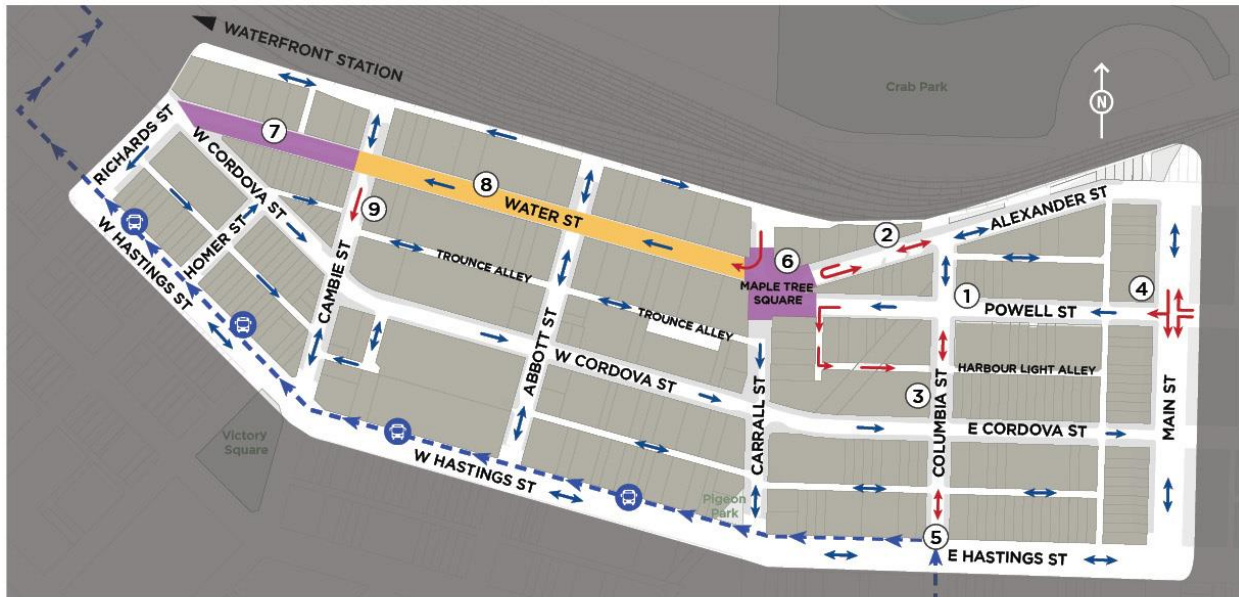


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lon LaClaire', located below the contact information.

Lon LaClaire, M.Eng., P.Eng.
General Manager, Engineering Services

604.873.7336 | lon.laclaire@vancouver.ca

Appendix A



Construction and Summer Pedestrian Zone Pilot

- ① Powell St west of Main St limited to local traffic/deliveries
- ② Alexander St converted to two-way traffic flow
- ③ Columbia St converted to two-way traffic flow
- ④ No westbound through traffic across Main St on Powell St
- ⑤ #50 Bus detoured to Hastings St from Water St
- ⑥ **Maple Tree Square**
March-June: closed to vehicle traffic for construction
July-August: closed to vehicle traffic for summer pedestrian zone

Summer Pedestrian Zone Pilot Only

- ⑦ **"Car-free" Pedestrian Zone (July/August only)**
 Water St from Cambie to Richards St
- ⑧ **"Car-light" Pedestrian Zone (July/August only)**
 Water St from Maple Tree Square to Cambie
- ⑨ Cambie St converted to one-way traffic flow (July/August only)

→ Existing traffic circulation
 → Changes in traffic circulation
 - - - Updated #50 bus route

*Pedestrian and cyclist access will be maintained during construction with some potential detours

Water Street, west of Maple Tree Square, will remain open during construction.