

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

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**RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS**

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重要な情報: これを翻訳してください

중요정보: 번역해주세요

**INFORMAÇÃO IMPORTANTE**

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**INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE**

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**MAHALAGANG IMPORMASYON**

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**TIN TỨC QUAN TRỌNG**

Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

August 15, 2024

Dear Resident and/or Business Owner,

**RE: Thank you for participating in the Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot!**

On behalf of the City, we'd like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Gastown community for being a part of the Water Street Pedestrian Zone pilot this summer. The final day for this summer's pilot is September 2. Between September 3 and 6, crews will remove all pilot features. Vehicle traffic is expected to return to Water Street by end of day on September 6.

This letter covers what you can expect in the remaining weeks of the pilot, including:

- Open Street Day on August 31
- Timeline for the removal of the pilot
- How to provide feedback on the pilot and future pedestrian zones.

**Upcoming "Open Street Day" Special Event - August 31**

On Saturday, August 31 as part of the "Open Street Day" special event, all of Water Street will be fully car-free from Richards Street to Maple Tree Square from 10 am to midnight. As part of the event there will be various free, family-oriented activities taking place on the street, including art, games, vendors, performers and music.

Residents, businesses and visitors to the area can expect:

- **Traffic:** The following traffic changes will be in effect:
  - Water Street (Richards Street to Maple Tree Square) will be pedestrian-only.
  - Vehicles will not be able to access Water Street from Carrall Street north leg.
  - Northbound traffic on Abbott Street at Cordova Street will be restricted to local access only.

- Traffic Authority will be on-site to support vehicle access at Abbott Street for businesses, residents and property owners who need to access the back lanes.
- **Parking:** The Easy Park parkade will only be accessible from the Cordova Street entrance/exit.
- **Deliveries:** Any deliveries on Water Street should be scheduled for before 10 am to avoid disruptions. After 10 am, delivery vehicles will not have access to Water Street.
- Additional portable washrooms will be provided for the day.

Please see map, enclosed, illustrating the road closures and traffic changes for August 31.

### **Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot ends September 2**

City crews will begin removal of the Water Street Pedestrian Zone starting September 3. From September 3 to 6, you can expect to see increased activity as crews remove the pilot furniture, concrete barriers and signage and install new bollards and signage to open the street to motor vehicles. Water Street (west of Cambie Street) and Maple Tree Square will remain closed to vehicle traffic while the work takes place. Through-traffic is expected to return to Water Street by the end of the day on Friday, September 6. Businesses with patios and merchandise displays for the pilot will be sent further information regarding the time and date for removals.

### **Learning from the Pilot**

The Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot has tested new people-first concepts in Vancouver.

Throughout the pilot staff have been collecting community feedback, monitoring traffic and access, and will be conducting an economic impact study. This fall, staff will present these findings to Council for direction on next steps. The report will be posted online and linked to the project website.

Your feedback will help assess the pilot, shape the Gastown Public Spaces Plan, and plan for potential future pedestrian zones.

1. Take our online survey and share your feedback on the Water Street Pedestrian Zone.

### **Residents and community members:**

Take our community survey [www.shapeyourcity.ca/gastown-public-spaces-plan](http://www.shapeyourcity.ca/gastown-public-spaces-plan)



**Businesses:**

Take our business-specific survey at [survey.vancouver.ca/s3/Water-Street-Pedestrian-Zone-Business-Survey](https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/Water-Street-Pedestrian-Zone-Business-Survey)



2. Visit us at our pop-up on Water Street, **Saturday, August 31 from 11 am to 1 pm**

For the latest pilot updates and maps, visit [www.vancouver.ca/gastown](http://www.vancouver.ca/gastown).

**Questions?**

Have a question or feedback to share? Get in touch with our team at [gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca](mailto:gastownpublicspaces@vancouver.ca).

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

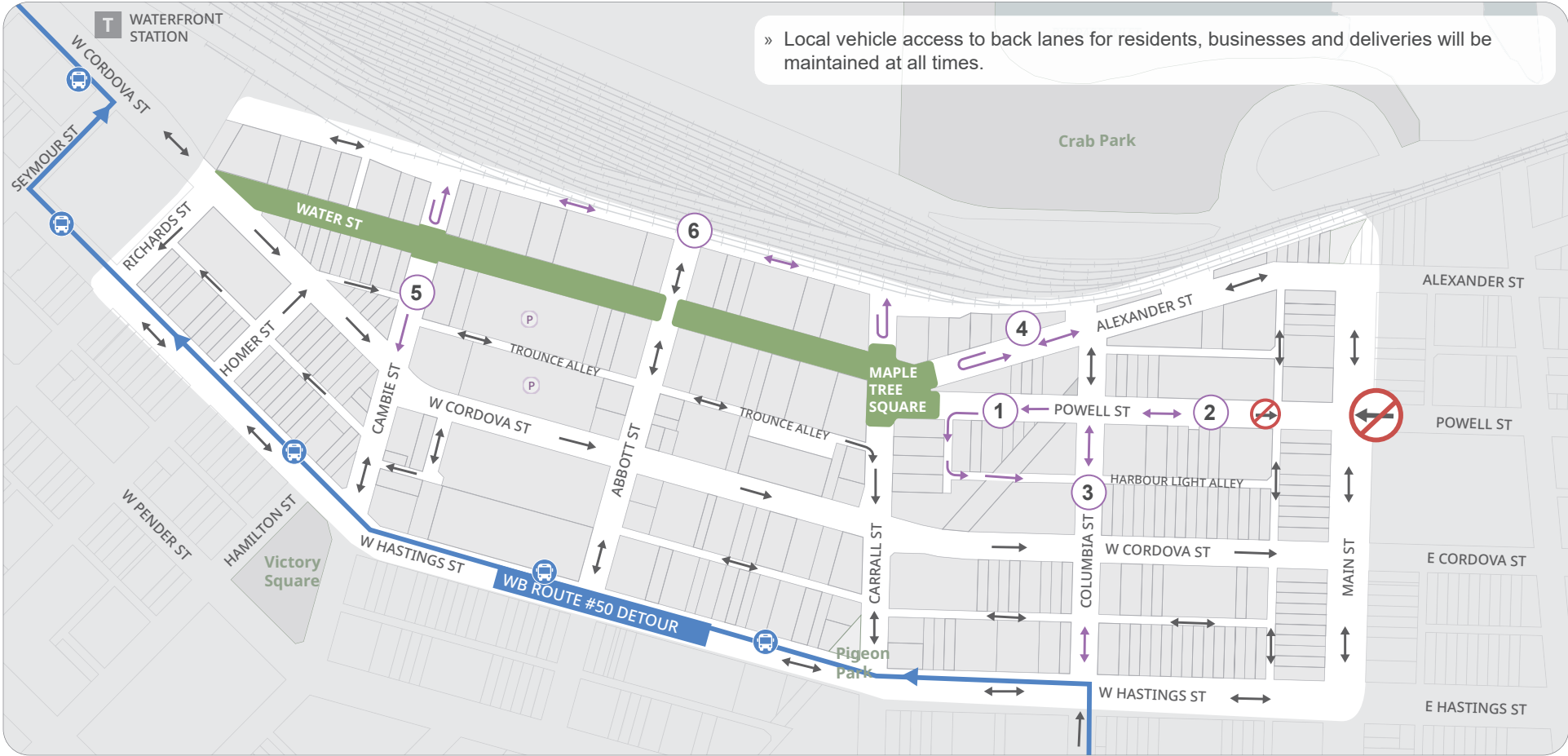
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Parker'.

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















» Local vehicle access to back lanes for residents, businesses and deliveries will be maintained at all times.



# Water Street Pedestrian Zone Pilot

Special Event Traffic Circulation for Open Streets Day | August 31, 2024

-  Car-Free (emergency vehicle access only)
-  No westbound through traffic on Powell St across Main St
-  No eastbound through traffic on Powell St across the lane west of Main St
-  Existing traffic circulation
-  Changes in traffic circulation
-  #50 Bus route detoured to Hastings St from Water St

-  1 Powell St west of Main St limited to local traffic/deliveries
-  2 Powell St between Columbia St and the lane west of Main St converted to two-way traffic flow
-  3 Columbia St converted to two-way traffic flow
-  4 Alexander St converted to two-way traffic flow
-  5 Cambie St between Water St and Cordova St converted to one-way southbound traffic flow
-  6 Abbott St provides limited access to laneway north of Water St for local traffic/deliveries