

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS

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INFORMAÇÃO IMPORTANTE

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INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE

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TIN TỨC QUAN TRỌNG

Xin hãy dịch sang tiếng Việt

June 19, 2026

Dear resident and/or business owner,

RE: Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone days begin July 5

The City of Vancouver is supporting another summer of vibrant activations in Gastown with the return of Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone days. This work is guided by Council direction on the Gastown Public Spaces Plan this spring, including continuation of the Water Street Pedestrian Zone as an annual summer program in partnership with the Gastown Business Improvement Society (GBIS).

Feedback from 2026 highlighted that the Sundays-only pedestrian zone was well-received by the public and businesses. This year, we are building on what we learned last summer and continuing with a Sundays-only approach, with a few small adjustments. Based on feedback, the pedestrian zone will extend into the evening, running every Sunday from 12 pm – 8 pm between Richards and Columbia Streets. The GBIS will also continue to lead the Gastown Sunday Set programming each week. We look forward to another lively summer in Gastown.

This letter outlines what you can expect during the Water Street Pedestrian Zone this summer. As these changes take effect, we encourage everyone to be patient and observant while adjusting to the new traffic patterns.

What to expect on Water Street this summer

- **Access to Water St on Pedestrian Zone Sundays (see map on page 3):**
 - On Sundays, Water Street will be car-free from Richards Street to Columbia Street between 12pm and 8pm.
 - Traffic control and event set up will begin at 11 am, and road closures will be in place shortly before noon.
 - Traffic control will begin re-opening the street to vehicles at 8 pm; this process 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

- **Parking and loading:**
 - There will be no on-street parking or loading along Water Street on Sundays between 11 am and 8 pm.
 - Access to the EasyPark parkade from the Water Street entrance will not be permitted on Sundays (12 pm – 8 pm). 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.

- **Transit:**
 - Cordova Street will continue to be open to two-way vehicle traffic. Route 50 bus will remain on Cordova Street, with the eastbound 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:**
 - Slow cycling will be permitted through the Sunday Pedestrian Zone area.
 - A free bike valet will be available during the Sunday Pedestrian Zone from 12 pm to 8 pm at Water Street and Abbott Street.

- **Summer-long public space enhancements on Water Street:**
 - Seating, patios, and other placemaking features remain in place at the east and west entrances, Maple Tree Square, and key points along Water Street, continuing to support a comfortable and welcoming experience for everyone.

Please refer to our website for maps detailing the parking and operations, as well as the transit and cycling changes to the area. Scan the QR code below or visit vancouver.ca/water-street-pedestrian-zone to learn more.

Events during the Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone

The City is collaborating with GBIS and local organizations to create a welcoming, pedestrian-first experience every Sunday on Water Street.

Each Sunday, the GBIS will be organizing the Gastown Sunday Set, a curated set of free, rotating events. Learn more at gastown.org/sundayset.

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

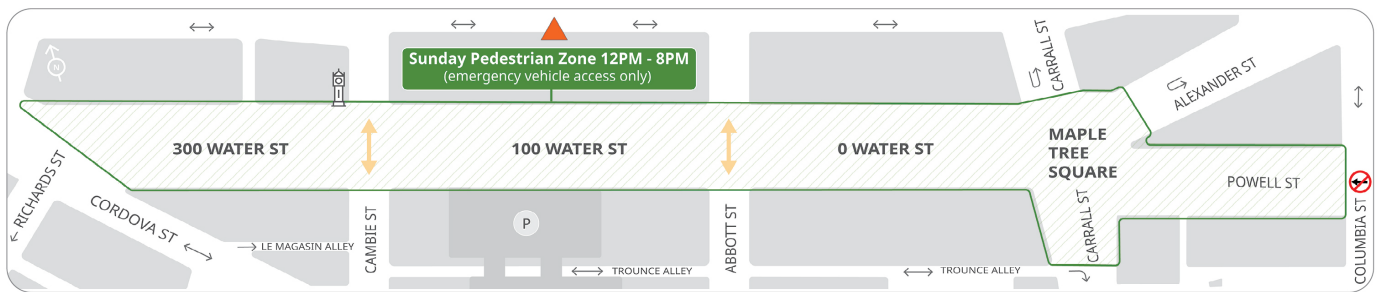
Questions?

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



Water Street Pedestrian Zone | Sundays, July 5 to September 6, 2026 (12pm - 8pm)

Traffic Closures and Circulation

 Water Street Pedestrian Zone Sundays
12pm - 8pm (emergency vehicle access only)



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



Restricted access, no through traffic onto Water Street



Construction area, no through traffic