Gastown Summer 2025 (June - September)

What's Happening

The **Water Street Pedestrian Zone** pilot is returning this summer on Sundays from June to September. This is part of the City's ongoing work to enhance Gastown's streets and public spaces, promote local business and create a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly atmosphere.

Have an idea for programming in the Pedestrian Zone?

This can include community gatherings, art and cultural events, live music, workshops and other activities. Apply for an "open streets permit".
Visit **vancouver.ca/open-streets-permit** to apply.

Visit vancouver.ca/gastown for updates and more ways to get involved.



Sunday Water Street Pedestrian Zone

- Car-free Water Street every **Sunday from 10 am to 6 pm** between Richards Street and Columbia Street
- Events and community programming (e.g. live music, arts and crafts)



Public space enhancements on Water Street

- 7 days a week
- More seating
- Placemaking features
- Bigger patios



Improved neighbourhood access

- 7 days a week
- Two-way Cordova Street between Richards Street and Gore Avenue
- Route #50 and tour buses will be routed to two-way Cordova Street
- Vehicle access retained on Water Street outside of Sunday Pedestrian Zone hours

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How We Are Learning

Public feedback is one of the many ways we will learn from the Water Street Pedestrian Zone pilot. This summer, City staff will learn through:

Studies and observations

- Traffic changes
  (vehicle, bike, walking, transit)
- Public life observations and site visits
- Economic impact study
  (consumer spending trends and point of sales data)

Public feedback

- Public survey
- Business survey
- On-site intercept survey
- 311 cases and emails
- Community conversations
- Pop-up events in Gastown

What we learn will help shape the future of Gastown's streets and public spaces, as part of the **Gastown Public Spaces Plan**. It will also help to plan future pedestrian zones in the city.





