

*Please attach the resident notification letter as well as it provides the translation.*

Subject: School Streets returning to Gordon

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to announce that we will be continuing the School Streets Program at Gordon Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year to help improve safety and encourage active travel and transit use to and from our school.

此处附上一封包含更多相关信息的通知信。该信函内容已翻译为简体中文和繁体中文。这封通知信也将被邮寄至学校附近2个街区半径范围内的所有居民。

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### **What is a School Street?**

A School Street is a car-free block adjacent to a school open to walking, biking and rolling during school pick-up and drop-off times. In spring 2024 and 2025, our School Street ran for 4 to 5 weeks during drop-off and pick-up times.

### **Gordon 2025-2026 School Street Program Details:**

In partnership with the City of Vancouver and the Vancouver School Board, we will be continuing the School Streets program at Gordon one day a week starting September 16, 2025.

- **Dates:** Every Tuesday from September 16, 2025, to June 23, 2026
- **Location:** Bayswater Street between W 6th and W 7th avenues (see Figure 1 below)
- **Times:** 8:40 – 9:10 am and 2:45 – 3:30 pm
- Please note that Gordon will also be participating in the daily 4-week program from May 19 to June 12, 2026. Additional details will be sent in the spring.

Attached is a notification letter with more information which has been translated into Simplified, and Traditional Chinese. This letter will also be mailed to all residents within a 2-block radius from the school.

### **Volunteers Needed!**

Gordon needs your help to make our School Street program a success! We are looking for volunteers to sign up for 45-to 60-minute shifts to help set up, monitor, and take down barriers. Training will be provided. For every shift you volunteer, **you will receive a \$5 gift card** to a local coffee shop! Visit [volunteersignup.org/PEMD7](https://volunteersignup.org/PEMD7) for details. If you have any questions before or after you sign up, please email [gordonschoolstreets@gmail.com](mailto:gordonschoolstreets@gmail.com).

### **Need to drive?**

While we promote active travel, we recognize that some families may need to drive. We urge parents who can, to consider parking a short walk away from the school. You could either drop-off or pick-up your child from this location or walk together. Please adhere to parking signage and utilize designated areas so we can maintain safety for everyone (see Figure 2 below).

### **Accessibility**

West 6th and West 7th Avenue will remain accessible by motor vehicle as needed. Additional parking spaces may be provided for families with accessibility needs. Please contact me directly if you have accessibility needs and require more information.

### **Bike Bus**

Gordon Elementary has a Bike Bus that runs every Friday morning rain or shine! We start riding at 8:40 from Kits House and Tatlow Park. It's a great way to start your day and ride to school with friends. Visit here for more details: <https://www.gordonpac.com/bikebus>

### **Questions and Feedback**

For inquiries about the School Street program, email [SchoolStreets@vancouver.ca](mailto:SchoolStreets@vancouver.ca) or visit [vancouver.ca/School-Streets](https://vancouver.ca/School-Streets).

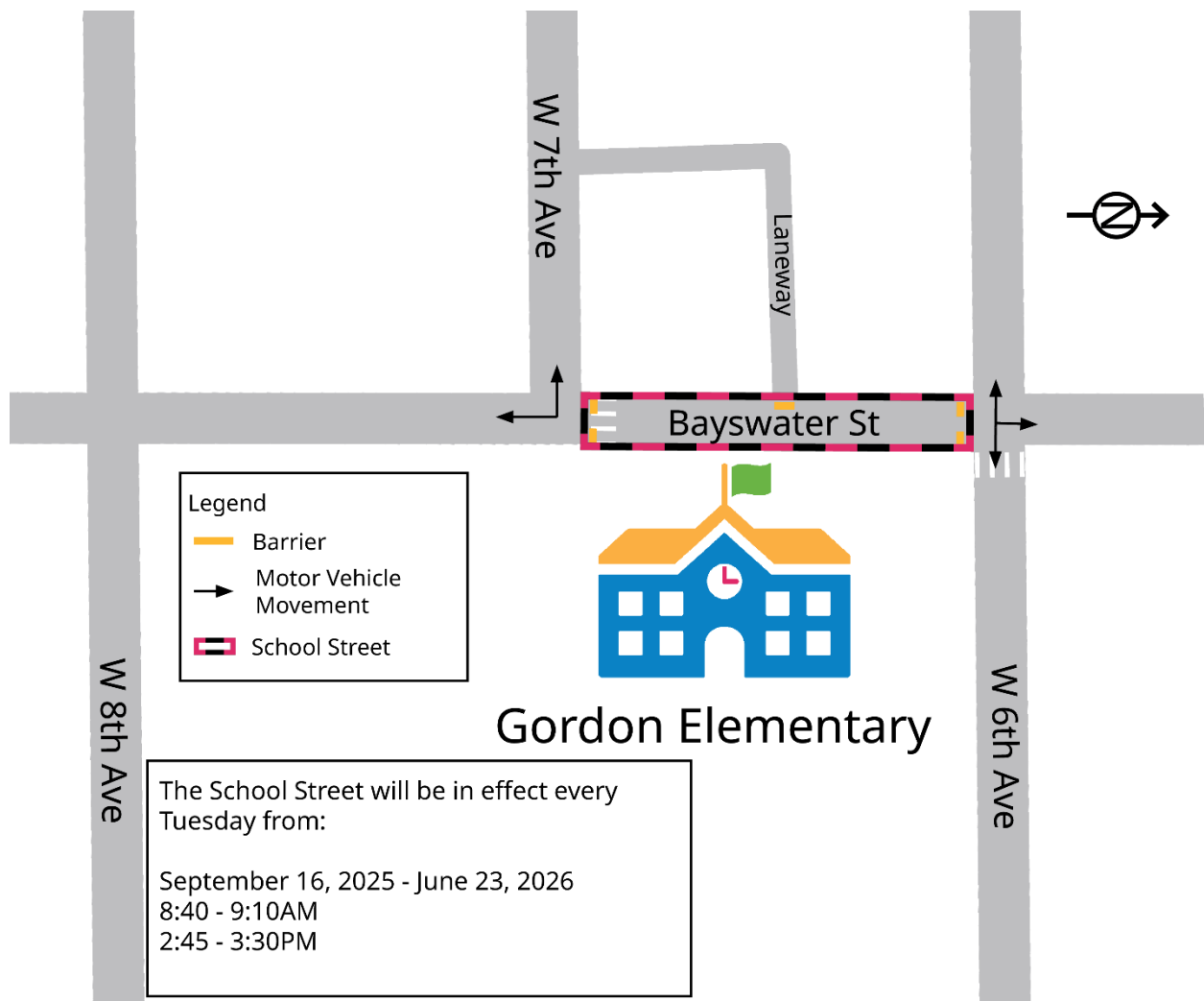
Thank you for supporting this initiative at Gordon!

Sincerely,

Gordon School Streets Committee

**Figure 1**

**Gordon Elementary School – School Street Diagram**



**Figure 2**

## Gordon Elementary School – Parking Map



### Gordon Elementary Parking Map (School Streets)



Disclaimer: This map is produced as a public resource for general information purposes only. The City, its employees, officers, directors and representatives do not guarantee the accuracy of the information contained therein nor warrant the safety of any route, highway, road, street, designated cycling route or other shown in the map information.

#### LEGEND



##### **No Stopping (Anytime)**

Vehicles cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason, or any length of time.



##### **No Parking (Except with Permit)**

Drivers may stop for no more than 5 mins to drop-off and pick-up. Valid permit holders can park without restriction.



##### **3 mins Parking (School Days)**

These spots are for quick pick-ups and drop-offs. Park and collect your child quickly to create a spot for another vehicle.



##### **No Stopping (School Days)**

Vehicles cannot stop in a No Stopping zone for any reason, or any length of time from 8am-5pm during school days.



##### **15 mins Parking (School Days)**

For longer school visits, park your vehicle in this zone for no more than 15 minutes.

##### **School Street Zone (September 16, 2025 - June 23, 2026):**

No motor vehicle entry every Tuesday at drop-off and pick-up from 8:40-9:10am & 2:45-3:30pm.

##### **Barriers & Volunteers**

##### **Support Active Transportation**

Keep the area around your school a safe place to walk, bike and roll by following the posted signs. Children, caregivers and teachers report feeling safer with a car-free street in front of their school. If you are driving, consider the "Drive-to-5" initiative. Park five minutes away and walk to school.



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