



STREETS FOR PEOPLE 2020

Walk, Wheel and Roll Self-Guided Tour



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NEW WESTMINSTER


Your Cycling Connection

 Happy City

We would like to acknowledge that this initiative takes place on the traditional and unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem speaking peoples.

How Do I Enter to Win the Grand Prize?

When you've finished the route, tell us your favourite part of the tour using this [form](https://bit.ly/sfp-prize) (bit.ly/sfp-prize) and you'll be entered to win the grand prize - a \$200 gift certificate to a New Westminster business of your choosing!

Thanks to the City of New Westminster for generously donating the prize.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

This is a 5.5km tour for you to do at your own pace. There will be 10 points of interest along the route. You can divide the tour in two parts to make it shorter. Do points of interest **1** to **5** for the Downtown half, or **6** to **10** for the Uptown part.

For more information on the accessibility of the route, please see the [accessibility guide](#) on the website.



The Walk, Wheel, Roll Self-Guided Tour is part of the City of New Westminster's Streets for People in 2020 Initiative. Learn more and see the full activation schedule [here](#)



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1 Tin Soldier

The first point of interest is a large Tin Soldier. The Tin Soldier is 9.75-metres tall and was listed as the World's Largest Tin Soldier in the 2002 Guinness Book of World Records!

Inside the statue, there is a time capsule set to be opened in the year 2025. The time capsule has been there for over 20 years.

Q: What would you put inside a time capsule that will be opened 25 years from now?

2 Quayside Boardwalk

Quayside has connections to the Qayqayt, Musqueam, Katzie, Qw'ó:ntl'an, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations and is also a hub of transportation, including the Skytrain, the McInnes Street overpass, urban trails, the railway, the river and bridges.

Standing in this pedestrian-only area, check out this riverside residential neighbourhood. Can you spot Poplar Island to your right? Its complex history has involved and impacted many different communities, including the [Qayqayt First Nation](#).

Believe it or not, mild weather here allows tropical plants like banana and palm trees to be grown there, along with desert-type plants like agave.

Q: What do you know about Qayqayt First Nations? How many different forms of transportation do you see people using on the boardwalk?

3 Training the River

The long structures you see running parallel to the river bank are training walls. They narrow the river channel, causing the river to deepen its bed. Although this allows ships to pass without further dredging, training walls can have a negative impact on fish ecosystems by disrupting erosion patterns and fish migration.

Q: How many boats can you see on the river?

4 McInnes Overpass

The McInnes Overpass opened in 1998 and provides an important walking connection between Quayside and Downtown New West. As part of the Streets for People in 2020 initiative, the northbound motor vehicle lane has been closed to motor vehicles in order to allow physical distancing for walking, rolling and cycling.

Q: What do you identify from the overpass looking west? What lies underneath the overpass?

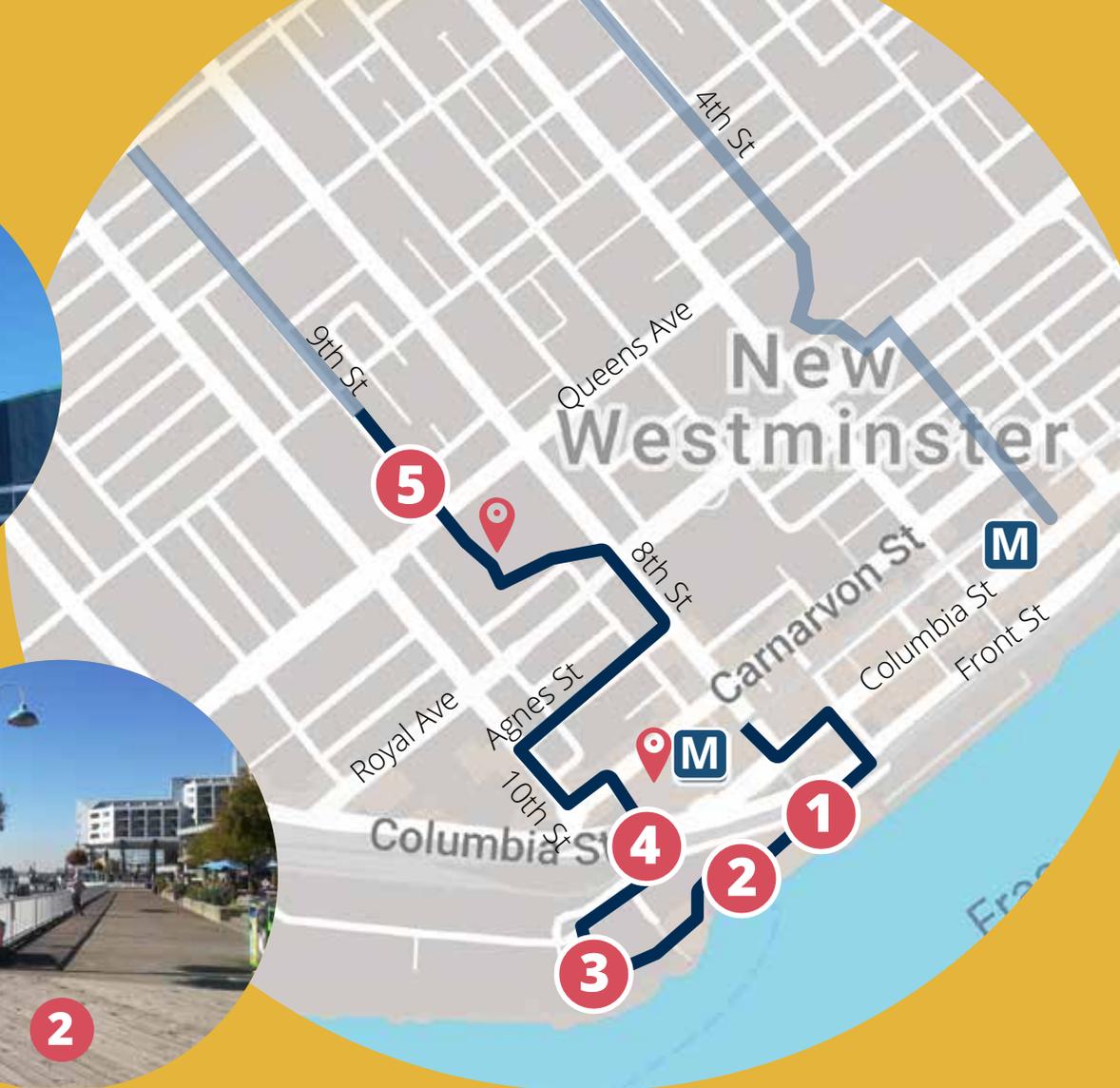
 **Additional Points of Interest:** To your right as you come down the overpass (heading north) is [Plaza 88](#). This 'transit village' is home to a Skytrain Station, an underground playground, two levels of shops, a movie theatre, and a historical building.

As you come up the hill on Eighth Street, you'll pass Simcoe Park, a very large and beautiful neighbourhood park that features a new community garden, two tennis courts, adventure playground, soccer field, benches, pathway, planters, open green space and views of the Fraser River. Simcoe Park is shared between the City and the School District/Fraser River Middle School.

5 Cool Trees for Cool Streets

Trees absorb CO₂, prevent erosion and flooding by stabilizing soil and absorbing water, lower heating costs in the winter and reduce the need for air conditioning in the summer, and their leaves absorb particulates such as smoke! Cool Streets, part of the Streets for People initiatives, are being tested on four local streets to create space for residents to walk, roll, cycle, gather and socialize in a "cool" environment while keeping safe. These areas increase space for people, improve access and connection to parks and open space in busy neighbourhoods, and capitalize on the cooling benefits provided by large street trees. The City of New Westminster has an ambitious goal to increase street trees by over 25% by 2030. You can get involved with their [Adopt-a-Tree program](#).

Q: As you walk along Ninth Street towards Sixth Avenue, how many different types of trees can you spot on this street?



Self-Guided Tour Map (Downtown half)

6 Do you recognize this view?

Let's stop at the corner of Ninth Street at Kennedy Street and look towards the north (towards Sixth Avenue). Hint: It has to do with New Westminster's Streets for People Initiative.

Q: Have I seen this view before? Let's take a guess why the guide is taking me here.

7 Last Cow in New Westminster

The last cow to live in the city limits was owned by Mr. and Mrs Smith, of Ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, in 1926.

There aren't any cows living in New Westminster now, but there are lots of other animals. For example, did you know that the City of New Westminster has allowed backyard chickens since the 1960s, decades before many other cities followed suit?

Q: What other animals populate the city these days?

8 Sixth Avenue Parklet

Discover the latest addition to patios and parklets in New West. This parklet is one of six so far, which provide much-needed assistance to the city's restaurants and pubs. This project also supports the City's transportation and climate action goals by converting "car space" to create "people space" for the community to safely move, wait, and dine.

Q: It is a great time to take a rest, we are more than halfway done the tour. What types of activities are people doing in the parklet?

 **Additional Points of Interest:** Walking along Sixth Avenue, there is a lot to see like Moody Park. It accommodates sports and popular leisure activities through the outdoor pool, playground, and spray park.

Q: How many squirrels can you count at Moody Park?

Fourth Street has some amazing old homes! They are beautiful to look at as you head down the hill.

 **Additional point of interest:** Follow the paths through the Friendship Gardens to enjoy the sights and sounds of the ponds, stones, beautiful trees and native plants.

On the other side of Tipperary Park, follow 3rd Street south to Royal Avenue. You'll see the [Irving House](#) on the corner of Royal Avenue and Merivale Street (in its original location), the oldest completely intact home in the Lower Mainland. Captain William Irving had the house built in 1865 and lived there with his wife Elizabeth and five children. Look at the house's website to find out more about upcoming openings.

9 City Hall Parklet

We made it to City Hall! Time to find the parklet. The hills in New Westminster are no joke, so relax in the mayor's parking spot, which has been converted into a parklet complete with a bicycle rack. The parklet was created to show the City's commitment to sustainable transportation and priority of pedestrians in our public realm.

Q: What other ways have you seen parking spaces used? What would you do with a parking spot conversion?

 **Additional point of Interest:** Just north of the mayor's spot is the [Museum of the Royal Westminster Regiment](#), a military museum highlighting the lives of soldiers and artefacts from major conflicts.

10 Fourth Street bricks

Fourth Street is one of the city's steepest grades. Despite having served as a durable road surface since 1913, the bricks are expensive to replace when new services are required under the road surface. This has led to its recent partial removal and patchy appearance.

Q: Do you know why these bricks were installed?

A: The bricks were laid down to improve traction for horses pulling loads up the hill.



Self-Guided Tour Map (Uptown half)



Ms and Mr Smith,
New Westminster Museum and Archives



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