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GRANVILLE MALL BY-LAW NO. 9978

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BY-LAW NO. 9978

**A By-law to repeal Granville Mall By-law No. 9272
and to create a new Granville Mall By-law**

**(Consolidated for convenience only,
amended to include By-law No. 13874, 13975
effective April 9, 2024)**

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VANCOUVER, in public meeting, enacts as follows:

Name of By-law

1. The name of this By-law, for citation, is the “Granville Mall By-law”.

Definitions

2. In this By-law:

“bus” means a vehicle for hire operated by or on behalf of British Columbia Transit or its successor, used for the transportation of passengers, and operated in conjunction with a street transportation system in the city but excludes a custom transit vehicle;

“City Engineer” means the individual appointed by Council to be General Manager of Engineering Services or a person duly authorized to carry out the powers and duties of the General Manager of Engineering Services;

“commercial vehicle” means a vehicle that displays a valid plate or decal identifying it as registered and licensed under the Vehicle Licensing By-law, and that carries goods in the ordinary course of business but excludes a bus, taxicab, limousine, tow truck, fire, police or ambulance vehicle, or other vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle by the City Engineer;

“custom transit vehicle” means a vehicle used primarily for the transport of physically disabled persons, operated by an agency approved by the government authorities responsible for providing transit services for physically disabled persons, and identified in a manner specified by the City Engineer;

“emergency vehicle” means a tow truck, a fire, police or ambulance vehicle, or any other vehicle designated as an emergency vehicle by the City Engineer;

“Granville Mall” means that portion of Granville Street between the south boundary of Smithe Street and the north boundary of Hastings Street;

“limousine” means a vehicle licensed as such by the Passenger Transportation Board, and

being operated as a limousine and not as a transportation network services vehicle;

“taxi” means a vehicle licensed as such by the Passenger Transportation Board, and being operated as a taxi and not as a transportation network services vehicle;

“transitway” means that portion of Granville Mall between the curbs designed for vehicular traffic but excludes any intersecting street;

“transportation network services vehicle” means a vehicle being operated under a license held by a transportation network service provider under the Passenger Transportation Act; and

“vehicle” means any device that transports people or property on a roadway, irrespective of motor power, but excludes railway cars running upon rails.

Table of contents

3. The table of contents for this By-law is for convenient reference only, and is not for use in interpreting or enforcing this By-law.

Severability

4. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of this By-law.

Pedestrian crossings at intersections and on transitway

5. At all intersections on Granville Mall, and on the transitway within 12 metres of a marked crosswalk, a pedestrian must not cross the transitway except as directed by a traffic-control signal.

Other pedestrian crossings

6. Except in the areas referred to in section 5, a pedestrian may cross the transitway at any time but only if the pedestrian has first yielded the right of way to all vehicles on the transitway.

Overtaking and passing vehicles

7. A person driving a vehicle must not overtake and pass any other moving vehicle on the transitway.

Entering transitway

8. A person driving a vehicle, except for a bus or emergency vehicle, must not enter the transitway at Pender Street or Georgia Street.

Exiting Granville Mall

9. A person driving a vehicle must not exit Granville Mall at any location except that:

(a) the driver of a vehicle may exit at Hastings Street or Smithe Street in compliance

- with any posted traffic sign;
- (b) the driver of a bus or emergency vehicle may exit at any location; and
- (c) the driver of a taxi, a limousine, or a custom transit vehicle may exit at Dunsmuir Street to proceed in a westerly direction.

Loading or unloading

10. An owner, registered owner, lessee or operator of a vehicle must not cause, allow or permit loading or unloading of that vehicle on Granville Mall except:

- (a) for a bus; or
- (b) a vehicle stopped or parked atop the sidewalk and parallel to the transitway in a manner that does not impede pedestrians, waiting transit passengers, or access to private property entrances.

Time limit for loading or unloading

11. An owner, registered owner, lessee or operator of a vehicle must not cause, allow or permit stopping or parking of that vehicle on Granville Mall, to load or unload it, for more than:

- (a) three minutes if the vehicle is a taxi or limousine;
- (b) 30 minutes if the vehicle is a commercial vehicle; or
- (c) 120 minutes if the vehicle displays a valid permit under this By-law.

Taxis and limousines

12. A person must not drive a taxi or limousine on the transitway except to drop off or pick up a customer at a prearranged location.

Permits

13. The City Engineer may issue permits to authorize the use of Granville Mall by persons driving vehicles.

Fees for permits

14. The fee for a permit referred to in section 13 is:

- (a) \$304.87 for a permit valid for one year for a commercial vehicle;
- (b) \$39.26 for a permit valid for one to 14 days for a commercial vehicle; and
- (c) \$11.54 for a permit valid for one day for a non-commercial vehicle;

and any tax imposed under the Excise Tax Act (Canada) or other federal statute is additional.

Display of permit

15. A permit holder must display the permit issued under this By-law prominently in the front of the vehicle so as to be visible through the vehicle's front windshield.

Prohibition on vehicles

16. A person must not drive any vehicle on the transitway except for:

- (a) a vehicle displaying a valid permit issued under this By-law,
- (b) a bus,
- (c) a taxi,
- (d) an emergency vehicle,
- (e) a bicycle, or
- (f) an electric kick scooter.

Prohibited hours

17.1 A person must not drive a vehicle displaying a current permit issued under this By-law on the transit way between 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

17.2 An owner, registered owner, lessee or operator of a vehicle must not cause, allow or permit stopping or parking of that vehicle on Granville Mall between 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Traffic movement

18. An owner, registered owner, lessee or operator of a vehicle must not cause, allow or permit stopping or parking of that vehicle, except for a bus, on Granville Mall in such a manner as to leave available less than 7.0 metres of the transitway for the free movement of two-way traffic.

Use of sidewalk

19. Despite sections 66 and 67 of the Street and Traffic By-law, a person may use a designated portion of the sidewalk of Granville Mall to provide entertainment or to display or sell goods if that person has written authorization from the City Engineer to conduct such activity at the location and for the duration specified by the City Engineer.

Effect of other by-laws

20. The Street and Traffic By-law and all other by-laws apply to Granville Mall, except:

- (a) for sections 76 and 76A of the Street and Traffic By-law; and

- (b) that in case of a conflict between this By-law and another by-law, this By-law is to prevail.

Offences under By-law

- 21. A person who:
 - (a) violates any provision of this By-law, or does any act or thing which violates any provision of this By-law, or suffers or allows any other person to do any act or thing which violates any provision of this By-law;
 - (b) neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any provision of this By-law; or
 - (c) fails to comply, or suffers or allows any other person to fail to comply, with an order, direction, or notice given under any provision of this By-law;

is guilty of an offence against this By-law, and liable to the penalties imposed hereunder.

Fine for offence

- 22. Every person who commits an offence against this By-law is punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each offence.

Fine for continuing offence

- 23. Every person who commits an offence of a continuing nature against this By-law is punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than \$250.00 and not more than \$10,000.00 for each day such offence continues.

Repeal

- 24. Council repeals By-law No. 9272.

Severability

- 25. A decision by a court that any part of this By-law is illegal, void, or unenforceable severs that part from this By-law, and is not to affect the balance of the By-law.

Force and effect

- 26. This By-law is to come into force and take effect on the date of its enactment.

ENACTED by Council this 19th day of January, 2010

Signed _____ Gregor Robertson
Mayor

Signed _____ Marg Coulson
City Clerk