

Why is the street being renamed?

Trutch Street has existed since at least the incorporation of Vancouver in 1886. The street is named after Joseph Trutch, an early colonial politician and B.C.'s first Lieutenant Governor. He directly shaped Indigenous relations and policy in B.C. for over 25 years, beginning before B.C. joined Confederation in 1871.

Trutch is acknowledged as being openly racist and hostile towards First Nation Peoples. He denied the existence of Indigenous rights, barred First Nations from laying claim to land, and significantly reduced the size of reserve lands. The negative effects of his discriminatory beliefs and policies are still felt today.

Because of this legacy, Musqueam has long called on the City to rename the street. In 2021, City Council passed a motion to rename Trutch Street and asked Musqueam to choose the new name. On September 30, 2022, Musqueam gifted the City of Vancouver with the new name, *ṣxʷməθkʷəy̓əmasəm* Street, at a renaming ceremony, held according to traditional Musqueam customs and law.

As part of the City's ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation, Trutch Street will be renamed *ṣxʷməθkʷəy̓əmasəm* Street on June 17, 2025. Renaming the street is an important act of reconciliation, and the City has been working closely with Musqueam to ensure this work is done with respect, collaboration, and care.

Why did it take so long to change?

After the renaming ceremony, a considerable amount of work was still needed before the street could be officially renamed by the City.

Language is an essential part of culture and identity and it connects people to land and place.

ṣxʷməθkʷəy̓əmasəm Street is Vancouver's first street named in *hən̓q̓əmi̓nəṃ*, Musqueam's traditional language. With no fluent speakers left, this street name is a landmark moment for *hən̓q̓əmi̓nəṃ* revitalization, but required time and significant relationship building to ensure the work was done with respect, collaboration and care.

Supporting *hən̓q̓əmi̓nəṃ* to be heard and seen throughout Musqueam territory is a powerful tool for reconciliation and rights recognition. Weaving the language further into the public fabric of city life and removing the memorializing of Joseph Trutch is one more step the City is taking in its ongoing commitment to truth and reconciliation.

How do I pronounce the new street name?

To hear the pronunciation of *ṣxʷməθkʷəy̓əmasəm*, scan the QR code on this letter or visit vancouver.ca/musqueamview.

More resources will be available in the coming weeks and months, including education opportunities as part of a community celebration on June 20, 2025. More details below.

When will the new street signs be installed?

Street signs will be installed on June 20, 2025. Please be aware there may be some early morning noise related to installation around 10th Avenue and ʂxʷməθkʷəyəmasəm Street as the work begins.

You're invited to a community celebration on Friday, June 20, 2025.

Musqueam and the City of Vancouver invite residents and neighbours of ʂxʷməθkʷəyəmasəm Street (Musqueamview Street) to a community celebration and street sign unveiling on June 20. hənqəmiḥəm language learners will be available to teach you how to pronounce ʂxʷməθkʷəyəmasəm, along with Musqueam cultural sharing.

Date:	Friday, June 20, 2025
Street sign unveiled:	9:30 am
Community Celebration:	10:00 am to noon
Location:	St. James Community Square, 3214 W 10th Ave, Vancouver, BC V6K 2M9

Questions or support

We understand that adjusting to this change will take time. If you have questions or need support:

- Email musqueamview@vancouver.ca
- Visit vancouver.ca/musqueamview or scan the QR code
- Phone 3-1-1



The City is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and is working diligently to update all systems by launch day. However, please be aware that due to processes outside of our control, some technology systems may take additional time to reflect the changes. We anticipate that all systems will be fully updated in the coming months. We appreciate your understanding and patience during this period.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we take this meaningful step forward in our journey towards reconciliation.

Sincerely,

City of Vancouver

Guide to updating your address

Addressing mail and deliveries

Please provide your new address to all your contacts to ensure you continue receiving mail and packages. Whenever possible, use both the legal and English street names.

Joe Jones
4110 ʒxʷməθkʷəy̓əmasəm St
4110 Musqueamview St
Vancouver BC V6N 4C8

If only one line is available for addressing, Canada Post has advised that the English name is used while their systems work to integrate multilingual characters:

Joe Jones
4110 Musqueamview St
Vancouver BC V6N 4C8

Mail forwarding

To support the transition, Canada Post is providing one year of free mail forwarding for affected residents and will continue to deliver mail with your old mailing address for one year after the change, ending on July 21, 2026. This will ensure that none of your mail or parcels are misdelivered or returned to sender while you transition to your new mailing address. No action is required to enable the forwarding.

Please keep in mind, some organizations that use Canada Post's address data may require some time to update their systems with your new mailing address. This means that it may take several weeks before these organizations will be able to recognize your new mailing address and allow you to update it with them.

Driver's licence, vehicle insurance, and vehicle registration

You will need to update your address with ICBC, including your driver's licence or BCID, vehicle insurance, and vehicle registration. Please complete all updates within 10 days of the name change **by June 27, 2025**.

To update your driver's license or BCID, go to any ICBC driver licensing office or update your address online go to icbc.com and search 'change your name or address.'

To update your vehicle insurance and registration, you must visit an ICBC agent's office in person, as you will need to sign for this change and update all plates. You are encouraged to bring your Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence (APV250) for each of your vehicles to assist the agent in this transaction. You will need to have updated documents to carry in your vehicle.

Business, alarm permit, residential parking permit and dog licences

For business, alarm permit, residential parking permit and dog license holders on the street, City staff will be in touch directly if any action is required.

Questions, contacts and support

City of Vancouver - Street name change

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- Visit vancouver.ca/musqueamview
- Phone 3-1-1

Canada Post - Mail delivery and forwarding

- Phone 1-866-607-6301

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- Visit icbc.com

