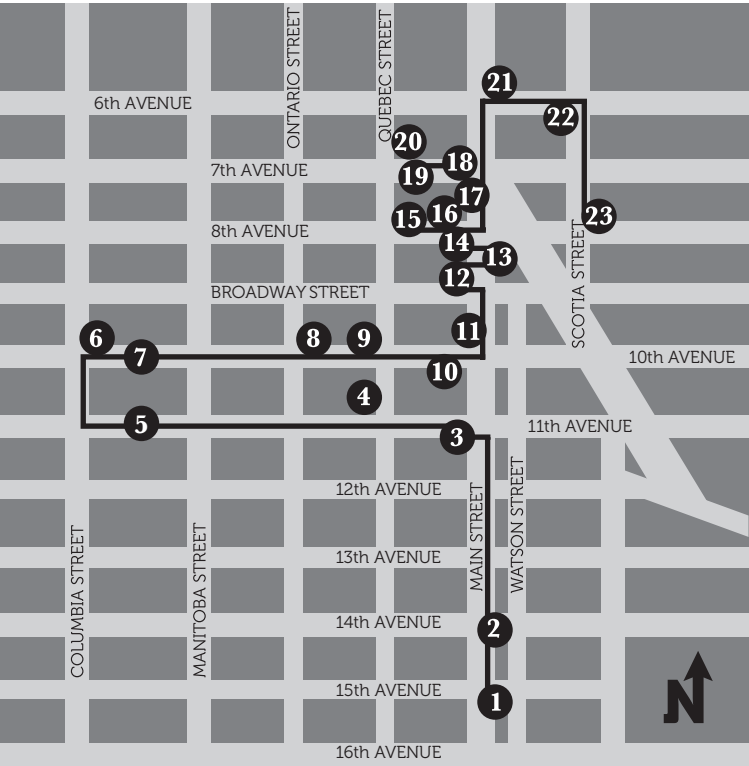


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**Walking the Tour:**  
**Length:** 90 minutes including Columbia Street loop  
65 minutes excluding Columbia Street loop



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**16 Goh Ballet Theatre**

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**20 Quebec Manor**

**Year: 1912 | Style: Neoclassical | Address: 2345 Main Street**

Originally occupied by Royal Bank and Calladine’s Grocery (the largest food store on the hill), this building was transformed into the internationally renowned Institute of Ballet in 1978 – lending even more glamour to its expensive terra cotta façade, built piece by piece offsite and assembled using a numbered legend!



**17 Fraser Building**

*Mount Pleasant:  
Vancouver's First Suburb.*



**21 Ashnola Apartments**

**Year: ca. 1886 | Address: 2343-2339 Main Street**

Standing in the old hub of Mount Pleasant, this building once held a pool hall and McCallum’s Hardware Store, which was very advanced for its time – they had floor to ceiling ladders that rolled from the front to the back of the store! The residential apartments upstairs are called the Broadway Rooms.

**18 J.F. Clark Building**

**Year: 1892 | Address: 2313 Main Street**

This is the oldest business building in Mount Pleasant, sitting on the site of the old Mount Pleasant Village! In fact: this block’s group of buildings contains the most heritage buildings in the area.

**19 Williams Block**

**Year: 1910 | Address: 154 East 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

7<sup>th</sup> Ave. was a main thoroughfare at its heyday. Among others, this building was occupied by Townley and Harper Plumbers, the Canadian Commonwealth Federation political branch office and a Johnson Furniture showroom. The building was built by Fred Williams for \$6,500 and was renovated by owner Rick Erickson in 2002; stucco was removed and everything was kept original except the exterior brick.

**22 Brewery Creek Building**

*In 1912, the first car to travel across Canada arrived in Vancouver and visited the intersection of what is now Broadway and Main.*

**Year: 1912 | Address: 101 East 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

This decorative apartment (originally named “Mt. Stephen Block”) was constructed by W.D. Muir (local grocer, baker, and entrepreneur) who controversially had two naked maiden torsos flank the entranceway. Tan coloured brickwork was used for many Mount Pleasant buildings (unlike the red brick of Yaletown/Gastown). Other distinctive features include beautiful bay windows, wrought iron balconies and patterned brickwork c/o the Clayburn brick plant near Abbotsford.

**21 Ashnola Apartments**

**Year: 1912 | Style: Edwardian Renaissance**  
**Address: 203 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Owned by Israel Wood Powell (of Powell Street and Powell River), construction took one year to complete and was done on a 24-hour schedule, something unheard of today. The original panels were cream, contrasting the darker brick; however, the glass blocks are original, a very early use of this feature.



**22 Brewery Creek Building**

*Doering and Marstrand dammed up Brewery Creek between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. to pipe a 40-foot waterwheel that powered the grain grinding mill.*

**Year: 1903 | Style: Mission | Address: 280 East 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Doering and Marstrand Brewery (renamed Vancouver Brewery in 1909) was one of the first breweries to have its own ice-making plant and electric bottle-washing machinery, producing 1,000 barrels of beer/ale each month! It later served as a home to a meat packing and glassworks factory, Fell’s Candy, and a live-work studio with residents like Sarah McLachlan and Jarred Land.


**23 Western Front Lodge**

**Year: 1922 | Style: Pioneer | Address: 303 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.**

Originally the Knights of Pythias Lodge, this building was acquired in 1973 by “The Western Front”, an artist-run centre which picked up on the western front style face of the building. Notice the Pioneer style of the older wood frame; the exaggerated boomtown-style parapet was added in 2009.

# Self Guided Walking Tour of Mount Pleasant

**Explore EAT + PLAY**



*featuring:* Main Street

**Explore SHOP**



*featuring:* E. Broadway

**Explore SERVICES**



*featuring:* Kingsway

Explore historical buildings + breathtaking views!

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Mount Pleasant has undergone an amazing transformation since the early 1990's, to become Vancouver's BEST shopping district and an ideal place to "DO everything local".

This walking tour will focus on the impressive structures that give Mount Pleasant its historical charm and date from the period of commercial prosperity between 1897 and 1915.

As you will see as you walk in the footsteps of our community's past: the Mount Pleasant shopping district is colourful and boisterous, mirroring much of its edgy atmosphere of yester-year.



REPEATEDLY  
RECOGNIZED  
AS ONE OF  
VANCOUVER'S  
"Coolest Streets"

1 Heritage Hall

Year: 1916 | Style: Beaux-Arts Classicism  
Address: 3102 Main Street

Originally built as Postal Station C (1916 – 1949), this reinforced concrete building with ornate stonework and prominent clock tower was also home to the Department of Agriculture Seed Branch (1937 – 1963) and the RCMP'S forensic laboratory and criminal records section (1963 – 1976). The Federal Government declared this a Heritage Building in 1976 and a comprehensive rehabilitation was completed in 1983 under City of Vancouver ownership, allowing it to assume its rightful place as a community gathering spot.

2 JJ Bean

Address: 3010 Main Street

Drink this: this bustling site was once home to a beaver dam that blocked Brewery Creek, and created Tea Swamp (named after the Labrador tea that grew there), a bog that extended southeast to Fraser Street until it was drained in the 1900's.

3 Wenonah Apartments

Year: 1912 | Address: 2703 Main Street

Following the trend of the decade, this building (originally named Leonard Apartments but changed to Wenonah Apartments in 1914) seamlessly blended commercial and residential housing. Notice the elaborate cornices adorning the roof, decorative entablature over the door and the beautiful white molded brick. "Wenonah" is the First Nations name for first-born daughters.

Around 1888, many young couples bought property in Mount Pleasant because it was less expensive, sparking the area's romantic nickname: "Honeymoon Hill".

4 Frontenac Building

Year: ca. 1910 | Address: 2649 Quebec Street

Made from bricks from the historic Clayburn plant near Abbotsford, this was the first brick apartment building to be built in Mount Pleasant. It was a large building for the time and held 25 suites, sometimes using the basement for additional living space.

5 Boom Period Homes

Year: ca. 1900's | Address: 100 Block West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The 100 Block of Mount Pleasant's residential West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. carries a wealth of history alongside memorable, local personalities.

**104 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Queen Anne Style building (1895) and the original home of Charles Philips, a fruit and game dealer on Cordova Street in present day Gastown.

**121 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Home to Mount Pleasant's first blacksmith and Mayor (1924), William R. Owen.

**123 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Residence of Bruce McKelvie, editor of The Province newspaper.

**140 and 142 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Excellent example of how early lands were first settled. Upon acquiring a property, modest bungalows were first constructed at the rear of the property. Then, after acquiring resources, a more impressive "Main House" was built. The rear bungalow would then be torn down or converted into a workshop or guesthouse.

**Walk around the corner to 196 West 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. (and Columbia Street)** Stand in the shadow of an Olympic great, whose athletic journey began with training in this very front yard! Percy Williams won gold for 100 and 200-meter sprints at the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics.

Resident Percy Williams' gold medal wins are one of Canada's greatest achievement in an international track and field competition.



6 BloomField House and Studio

Year: 1895 and late 1890's  
Style: Queen Anne Style and Edwardian style square porch  
Address: 2544 and 2532 Columbia Street

Artists need a workshop and for Henry Bloomfield and his sons, this property was it! The basement of this historic house (#2532) is where beautiful stained glass windows for Victoria's Parliament building, Shaughnessy's Hycroft and Davie Street's Gabriola mansion were carefully crafted. Son, James Bloomfield, also designed the City of Vancouver's Coat of Arms (1903).

Charles Woodward, founder of the Woodward family empire, built his first house in Mount Pleasant.

7 Welsh House

Year: 1908 | Address: 148 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

The Davis family – winners of a Heritage Canada award (1981) – restored the Welsh House (#148), originally owned by grocer Fred Welsh, and house #'s 140, 144, 150, and 166. House #148 is riddled by a feud over its neighbouring property line, evident from the close proximity of the two houses. This block is named **Vancouver's Most Beautiful Street**. Walk a little to the west and you will arrive at the Davis House – Mount Pleasant's oldest home.

1960's: Community unites! The Davis family catalyzes renewal and restoration, and Mount Pleasant blossoms!

8 Algonquin Apartments

Year: 1909 | Address: 5 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

A prime example of an early three story walk up and the style and type of exterior built during the boom years. It has since been renovated.



9 The Cornerstone

Year: 1910, 1994  
Style: Romanesque Revival style with late Gothic features  
Address: 85 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

A building with many lives, The Cornerstone was originally the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Its church spire still remains! The high corner turret provides an impressive addition to the landscape alongside its timber and stone trim, arched windows and red brick work. "Past lives" include an Evangelistic Tabernacle (1927 – 1989), theatre for the performing arts and condos (1994).

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MOUTH-  
WATERING  
RESTAURANTS  
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10 Mason Block

Year: 1905-1907 | Address: 166-170-190 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Reinforced concrete was a rare building material at the time, but was used because a creek ran beneath the structure, making the Mason Block a historical "show stopper"! Mason Block contains three unique two-storey townhouses, all with separate entrances. The stairs are on private property, with this space called the front door yard.

11 Belvedere Court

Year: 1912 | Address: 2545 Main Street

Built using Clayburn brick, this apartment building with ground floor shops is equipped with an elevator and a refrigeration system. A dance hall was once located in its basement.



12 Lee Building

Year: 1912 | Style: Edwardian Commercial  
Address: 175 East Broadway

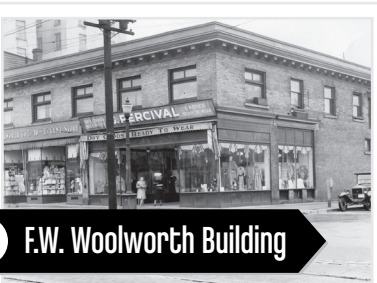
When former owner, Mr. Herbert Lee, built this seven-storey high rise with brick, stone and a steel frame, he put the Lee Building on the map as the tallest building south of False Creek!

Today, the Lee Building – originally the site of the Mount Pleasant Methodist Church – is mixed use commercial, residential and office space – with two deep wells on the north side (for light), copper walls, marble floors, and an elevator. The south arcade was added when Broadway was widened in 1952.

13 2442-2448 Main Street

Year: ca. 1903 | Style: Pioneer Frame  
Address: 2442-2448 Main Street

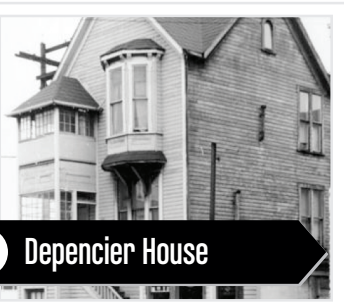
These addresses are home to two of the oldest remaining "Pioneer Frame" buildings in Mount Pleasant. #2442 still has the ornamental tin-plated walls and ceilings common to stores in that era.



14 F.W. Woolworth Building

Year: 1912 | Style: Edwardian | Address: 2403 Main Street

Built in the heart of the Commercial District, this building, with its iconic ground-level façade and awning, hosted three stores below and apartments on top. F.W. Woolworth Co. was the primary tenant from 1929-1994; the VP of Dominion Bank once lived here.



15 Depencier House

Year: ca. 1894 | Address: 151 East 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Tucked away off Main Street, this house is said to be the oldest currently occupied single-family residence outside downtown – although this is not exactly its original location! To accommodate the site where the Royal Bank was built (1912), the whole house was hoisted and moved, where it eventually became the site for Bain's Chocolates & Candies (1938-2004).

9<sup>th</sup> Ave. became Broadway and Westminster Ave. became Main Street, both named after the great metropolis of New York.

In 1888 children were escorted to school at Westminster Ave. and 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. because of bears."