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**Stories of Resilience and Road to Reconciliation**  
**EasyPark new Partner in Education**

**VANCOUVER, BC** – The **Museum of Vancouver (MOV)** is very pleased to announce that EasyPark has become a new Partner in Education. Specifically, EasyPark is supporting MOV's new School's Program ***Stories of Resilience and the Road to Reconciliation***.

MOV is currently realigning its school program syllabus with an emphasis on Indigenous content throughout K-12 to align with the Ministry of Education prescribed learning outcomes. This spring, MOV is introducing *Stories of Resilience and the Road to Reconciliation*, a program that will explore the devastating effects of colonialism, including the intergenerational trauma caused by the residential school system and First Peoples' struggle to retain their cultural identity. The program will focus on the resilience of Indigenous communities in the face of assimilative policies and the Museum's role in the reconciliation process. "Reconciliation is not an aboriginal problem - it is a Canadian problem. It involves us all." Justice Murray Sinclair.

"EasyPark is honoured to support and partner with the MOV on this extremely significant and important educational initiative. Our role as a local business that helps drive how the economic, social and cultural aspects of reconciliation are addressed, is crucial in our call to action and commitment to participate in reconciliation in our lives and how we do business. Our pledge is to continue to champion and demonstrate leadership in reconciliation by supporting initiatives and programs that engage children and adults in conversations about the First Peoples and their journey. The *Stories of Resilience and the Road to Reconciliation* is an important part of the journey to strengthen the relationships among the First Nations and Indigenous communities with all Canadians, through education, awareness and visibility."

MOV's Manager of Education, Jane Lougheed adds "The Truth and Reconciliation Canada Report states clearly that education was key to walking us forward on the journey of reconciliation. It is with great humility and respect that the MOV Education Team launches the new *Stories of Resilience and Road to Reconciliation* and in so doing, takes an important step toward meaningful reconciliation."

*Stories of Resilience* targets students grades 4 to 6. Students participate in a half-day session that includes a "Big 6 Historical Thinking" challenge in MOV's exhibition, *Cesna?em: the city before the city*. They learn about the impact of colonization on the Musqueam First Nation, how they resisted assimilative policies and the Museum's role in the reconciliation process. They test critical-thinking skills through hands-on workshop where they design a museum exhibit and ultimately gain a deeper understanding of traditional and contemporary culture of the Pacific Northwest First Nations.

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Attracting over 16,000 students, MOV offers unforgettable hands-on experiences with historical artefacts, videos and exhibits, not to mention compelling story tellers. From an archaeological dig pit to a digital animation workshop exploring historical events like Vancouver’s Great Fire, students learning about our cultural past, immigration, diversity and our rich Indigenous culture.

**For more information about MOV’s Education Programs, visit [museumofvancouver.ca/education](http://museumofvancouver.ca/education)**

### **About EasyPark**

Founded in 1947, EasyPark has one mission: “make parking easy”. Our mandate is to provide safe, convenient and affordable parking. EasyPark’s current operations include 135 parking facilities in over 60 client accounts in Vancouver and British Columbia under the EasyPark brand. In 2011 EasyPark launched the first [Mobile Parking App](#) for the Apple and android markets in order to “Make Parking Easier” and in late 2013, the EasyPark [FlexPass](#) made its début, allowing people who only drive occasionally to park at a discount over the regular hourly rate.

### **About Museum of Vancouver ([museumofvancouver.ca](http://museumofvancouver.ca))**

The Museum of Vancouver connects Vancouverites to each other and connects Vancouver to the world. The museum’s programs, exhibitions, and collections bring people together and inspire conversation about the future. The museum is an independent non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring a socially connected, civically engaged city. We acknowledge that the city of Vancouver is on the shared, unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.

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