



# Robson Square - Rental Opportunities 2020

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## About Robson Square

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Located in the heart of downtown Vancouver, British Columbia, Robson Square is a provincial landmark and the Province's largest building with 1.2 million square feet extending over three city blocks. The internationally recognized facility was designed by renowned architect Arthur Erickson and built between 1979 and 1983.

Housed within this property are the Provincial law courts to the South, the Vancouver Art Gallery to the North, and in the centre, the University of British Columbia's (UBC's) downtown campus and Vancouver's only outdoor ice rink. This central part of the property is made up of a variety of publicly accessible plazas, nooks, gardens, and walkways on several elevations.

Robson Square is frequented by tourists, students, shoppers, office workers, and residents. Robson Street, which divides Robson Square and passes over UBC and the ice rink, has some of the highest pedestrian volumes in Vancouver, with each sidewalk carrying about 3,500 pedestrians per hour. In addition, the Hornby and Howe intersections carry about 1,300 vehicles per hour in each direction during peak hours.

## Background

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In 2004 the Province started work to revitalize and extend the life of Robson Square. In February of 2010 Vancouver played host to the Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games and Robson Square was chosen by the government as the Province of B.C.'s showcase and celebration site, as well as the site for the unaccredited media centre. In preparation for the Games, the ice rink was revitalized, a new ice plant was installed as were two new glass domes, LED lighting and skate rental facilities.

During the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games, Robson Square became the unofficial site for Canadians and international visitors alike to celebrate medal performances and share in the spirit of the Games.

While acknowledging the Games created a once-in-a-lifetime atmosphere that cannot be duplicated, they also served to demonstrate that a centrally-located, active and managed site is appreciated by all British Columbians and our visitors.

With this in mind the Province of British Columbia re-opened the Robson Square ice rink following the Olympic Games in December of 2010 and has committed to continuing to operate the ice rink every December through February into the foreseeable future.

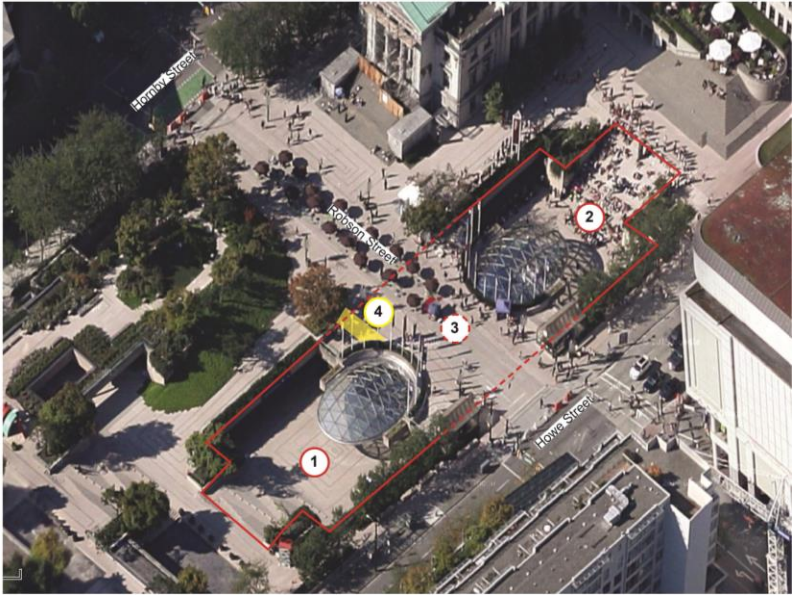
In an effort to ensure that Robson Square is an active site and well used by the community throughout the year, the Province operates a rental program for the various areas of the facility, from mid-March to mid-November. This document outlines that rental program.

# Rental Spaces

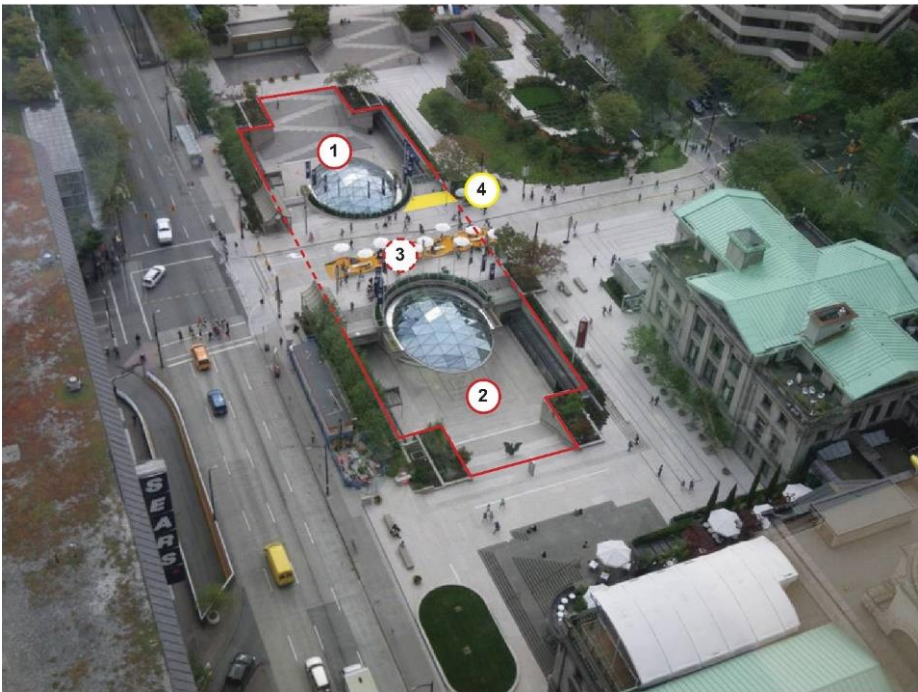
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The Robson Square rental program offers several spaces on the property for rent. Below are two different aerial images of Robson Square indicating each space.

*Aerial view of Robson Square from the South East*



*Aerial view of Robson Square from the North East*



### **1. Plaza Level, South End**

This space is one level below street level, is uncovered and faces the South Stairs, which are included in the rental space. The useable space measures approximately 50 feet wide (East/West) by 20 feet deep (North/South). There is some additional space under the dome which measures approximately 20 feet wide by 16 feet deep.

### **2. Plaza Level, North End**

This space is one level below street level, is uncovered and faces the North Stairs, which are included in the rental space. The useable space measures approximately 50 feet wide (East/West) by 20 feet deep (North/South). There is some additional space under the dome which measures approximately 20 feet wide by 16 feet deep.

### **3. Plaza Level, Rink Surface**

The ice rink surface is 137 feet long from tip to tip (North/South axis) and 44 feet across (East/West axis) – it is approximately 6000 square feet. The ceiling is just over eight feet above the rink surface. The top of the dome is 21.5 feet above the rink surface at its highest and 12 feet at its lowest. The rink surface is raised approximately 12 inches from the floor of the Plaza and is surrounded by a Plexiglas railing.

### **4. Street Level**

This space is approximately 25 feet wide at its widest (closest to the street) and 15 feet wide at its narrowest (furthest from the street) and 11 feet deep. The space does include a small staircase that leads to a landing overlooking the Plaza Level. There is a city lamp standard between this space and the sidewalk. This space being on Robson Street sees the highest pedestrian traffic numbers of the rental spaces.

## **Utilities**

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### **Electrical**

On the Plaza there are 8 standard 15 amp electrical outlets located in the ceiling around the outside of the rink. There are 4 additional standard outlets located in front of the ice pit on the East side of the Plaza and inside the Café and Skate Shop.

There is no available electrical on street level.

### **Water**

The only potable water available is located in the Café on the Plaza level. There is a commercial sink with hot and cold water.

## Facilities

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### Washrooms

There are Men's and Women's washrooms located in the South West corner of the Plaza. Outside of the ice rink season, these washrooms are kept closed to the public. These washrooms will be opened for your event for the cost of the janitorial service.

### Skate Shop/Cafe

There are two enclosed and lockable spaces on the East side of the Plaza that are used during the ice rink season to rent skates and sell hot and cold beverages. Outside of the ice season, these spaces are empty and can be booked for your activity. The Café has a commercial stainless steel sink with hot and cold water and the Skate Shop has a number of small cubbies perfect for a bag check. Please note, there is an additional fee to rent these spaces.

### Lighting

The rink space is lit by white LED ceiling panels and the sides of the rink with standard fluorescent lights which **always remain turned on**. There are also colour LED lights above the rink surface. There is very little lighting for the North and South Plaza spaces.

### Audio

There is a JBL speaker system over the rink that can be used by renters. An iPod or similar device can be plugged in via a panel located in the Café with a simple auxiliary cord.

## Services

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### Janitorial

When you rent space on the Plaza Level, you will be required to pay for the necessary janitorial service to make sure everything is cleaned during and after your event. By paying for janitorial staff you get access to the washrooms. The number of staff and hours required will be determined in consultation with Robson Square venue manager.

## Stage

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Robson Square has a stage that can be rented. The Wegner Versalite stage consists of:

- 10 4' x 6' Versa Deck - Standard Black non slip dimpled surface - with 16" to 28" high adjustable legs - to create a 12' by 20' stage - with black Fire retardant cloth skirting
- 2 3 step collapsible stair - adjustable heights - attaches to versa deck stages - with removable railings
- 1 Versalite compatible ramp - 16' long to reach a height of 16" elevation - includes top landing and railing on both sides and at top of landing

## Pricing

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	RENTAL RATES	
LOWER PLAZA LEVEL	Per event or per day*	Per week**
Corporate	\$2,000.00	\$7,500.00
Not-for-Profit	\$500.00	\$2,000.00

Skate Shop and Café	Per event or per day*	Per week**
Corporate	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
Not-for-Profit	\$200.00	\$1,000.00

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STREET LEVEL***	Per event or per day*	Per week**
Corporate	\$1,500.00	\$5,000.00
Not-for-Profit	\$250.00	\$1,000.00

STAGE RENTAL	Per event or per day*	Per week**
12 x 20	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00

### Notes:

\*Per event or per day (whichever time period is less). A day is considered a 12 hour period.

\*\*Any five day period.

\*\*\*Due to the ongoing construction, the Street Level space will not be available to book until June or July 2020. Please email for more information.

### Other Costs:

Janitorial Services: \$45/hr plus 10% janitorial. Janitorial is charged for the length of the event, plus two hours post event (minimum 4 hour shift).

## Contact

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