



Newspaper's staff picks leading stories of busy year

Here are recaps of the year's top stories:

2. Waterfront Vancouver opens

The promised redevelopment of Vancouver's waterfront became reality in 2018.

September openings of two restaurants — WildFin American Grill and Twigs Bistro — offered a taste of what is to come to [The Waterfront Vancouver](#).

At a [heavily attended event](#) Sept. 29, Vancouver's landscaped 7-acre park was opened. The park's riverside pathway and dramatic 90-foot Grant Street Pier were immediately popular as fine weather persisted well into October.

Much [more development is anticipated](#). More eateries, two apartment complexes and an office building should open in 2019, and a hotel is under construction. The Port of Vancouver envisions a second hotel and a public market at its adjacent Terminal 1 property.

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