

DIALOG

GRANVILLE ISLAND REDEVELOPMENT

Vancouver's Cultural Heart

Civic & Culture, Mixed-Use Living, Urbanism



LOCATION

Vancouver, BC

CLIENT

Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation

COMPLETION

1982

DIALOG SERVICES

Architecture

Planning & Urban Design

Granville Island is one of Canada's most visited public places. Reborn from a longstanding industrial site, the 38-acre redevelopment was the brainchild of Norm Hotson and Joost Bakker, two young local architects with a vision for waterfront development. Its design engagement includes streetworks and open spaces, including: the Granville Island Hotel, Granville Island Brew Pub, the public market, restaurants and shops, artist studios, workshops and theatres, traffic and parking design, shoreline edges, children's play features, and a water park. The strategic introduction of landscaping and intervention with the waterfront created a cultural heart for Vancouver. It is a place for respite and community celebration – it's a people place.