

# 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

### COLLABORATORS

Swan Wooster Engineering  
Rockingham Engineering  
Don Vaughan & Associates

### 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.