

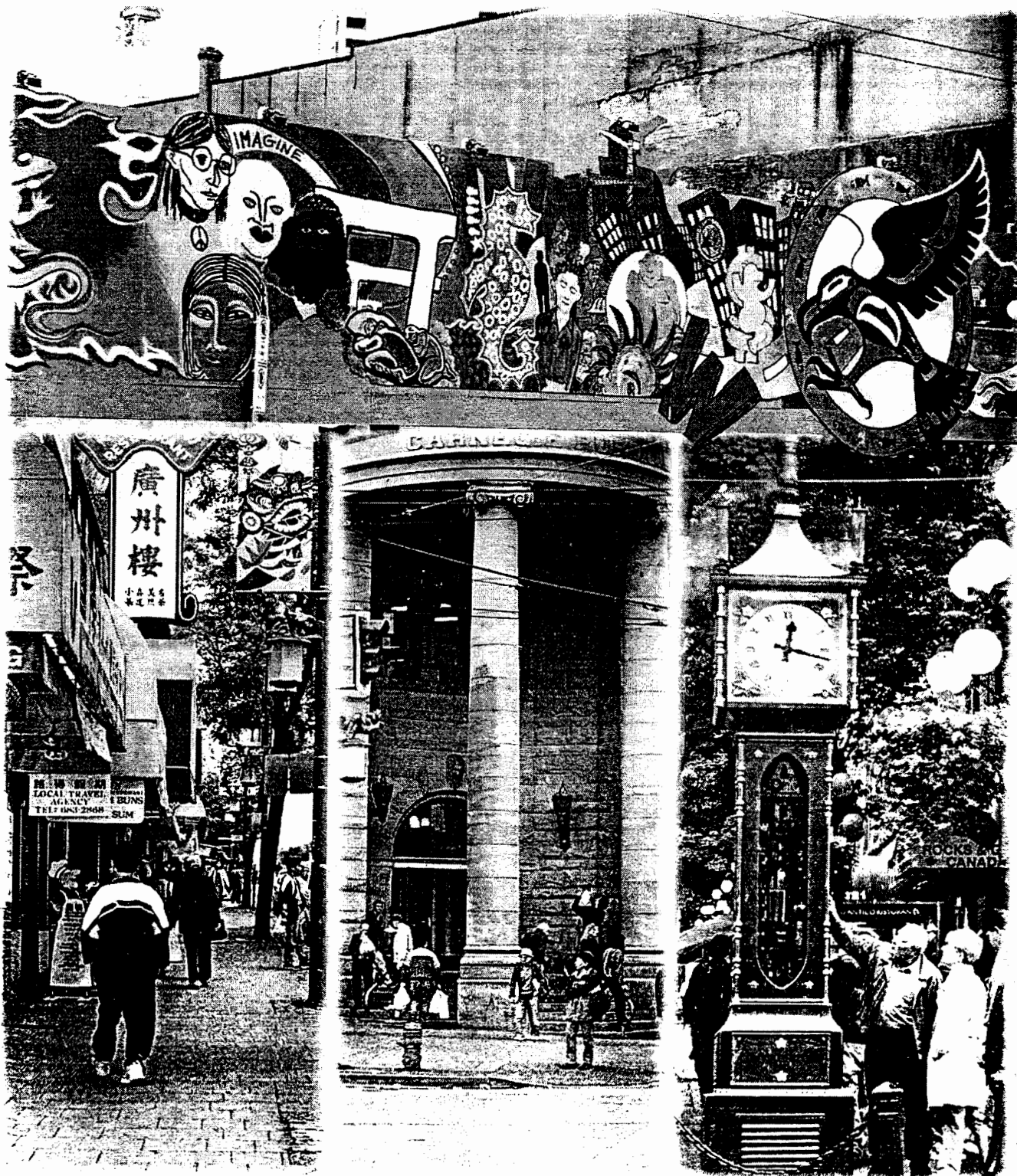
Downtown Eastside Community Monitoring Report



City of Vancouver

Spring 1998

Includes Chinatown, Gastown, Strathcona and Victory Square



Introduction

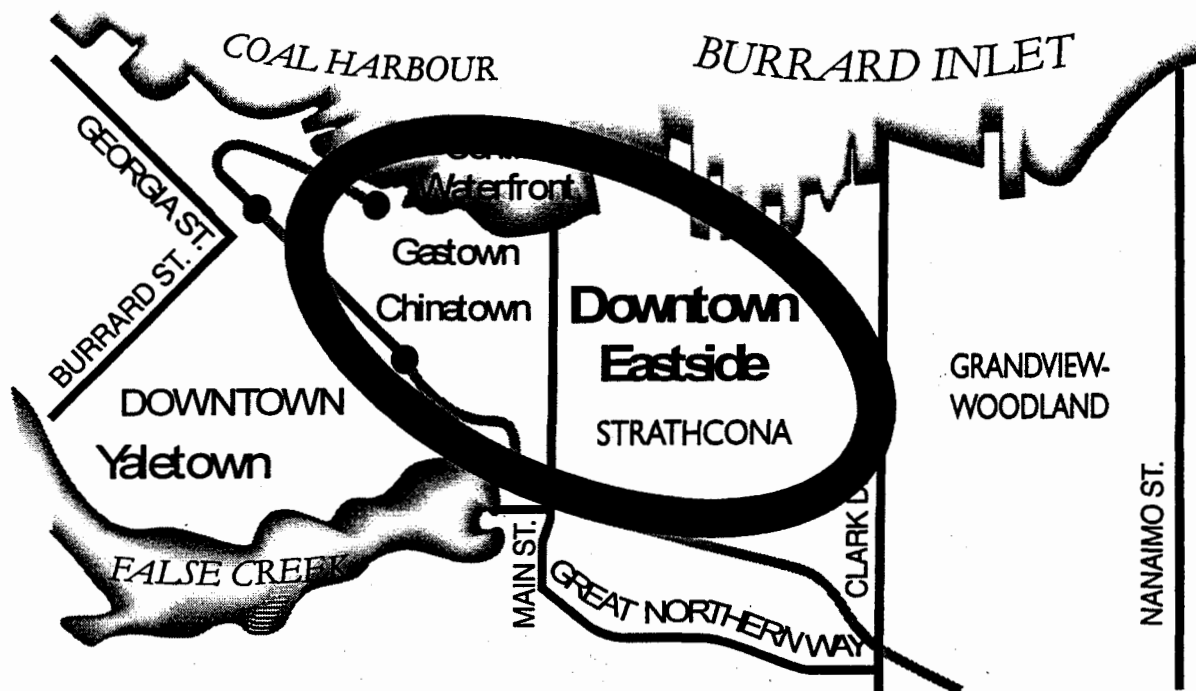
The Community Monitoring Report provides quick information on current development and sales activity in the community. It also includes information on traffic, health, social assistance, crime and safety, and community services. Much of the data is presented for areas which are based on zoning and planning analysis districts. They do not, nor are they intended to, reflect neighbourhood boundaries which are perceived differently by the diverse social communities that live and work in this part of the City. Its purpose is to provide data to enable the City, other levels of government, and the community to better understand the effects of new development in and around the area.

This report will be updated annually. A profile of major demographic trends will also be completed in 1998/99 after the 1996 Census data become available.

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Downtown Eastside at a Glance



DEMOGRAPHICS	DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE	CITY OF VANCOUVER	DOWNTOWN EASTSIDE %
Total Population (1996)	16,076	514,008	3.1%
Total Population (1991)	15,930	473,210	3.4%
Total Population (1986)	14,170	431,147	3.3%
Age (1991): under 5	435	23,735	1.8%
5-19	1,445	68,305	2.1%
20-44	6,340	222,710	2.9%
45-64	4,065	92,305	4.4%
65+	3,645	66,155	5.5%
# of Households (1991)	9,445	199,935	4.7%
# Persons/Household (1991)	1.4	2.3	N/A
Median Household Income (1990)	\$10,586	\$34,174	N/A
% of Incidence of Low Income (1991)	73.4%	24.8%	N/A
LAND AREA			
Land Area (hectare)	674.0	11,404.4	5.9%
NEIGHBOURHOOD FACILITIES			
# of Public Schools (1997)	2	109	1.8%
# of Licensed Childcare Programs (1997)	14	486	2.9%
# of Community Centres (1997)	3	25	12.0%
Park Area (1997) (hectare)	14.03	1,269.2	1.1%
HOUSING			
Single Room Occupancy Units (1997)	5,488	7,044*	77.9%
Non-Market Units (1997)	3,976	18,708	21.3%
FIRE AND CRIME			
Total Fire Responses (1997)	6,769	39,612	17.1%
Total Police Calls (1997)	40,558	293,030	13.8%
1997 Criminal Code Offence Rate/1,000 Population (1996)	812	187	N/A

* Downtown Core

City Initiatives in the Downtown Eastside



1. Downtown Eastside Strategic Action Report

Conditions in the Downtown Eastside have been a concern for many years. Recently the community has come under increasing pressure with the rapid rise of intravenous drug use and the associated crime and disease. This has significant impact on the community's health and economic viability.

Staff have prepared a Strategic Action Report to deal with the impacts of the illegal drug trade, to improve conditions at the street level and in the SRO hotels, to help attract new business to fill vacant storefronts and to seek cooperation from senior governments. The draft report will be submitted to Council in July 1998 recommending that report be taken out for widespread public discussion and that actions which have strong community support be implemented as soon as possible.

For more information, contact Nathan Edelson at 873-7444.

2. Housing Plan

The Housing Plan examines key housing issues (the mix of market and low-income housing, the future of the area's SROs, and small suites) in the Downtown Eastside, Chinatown, Gastown and Strathcona. In early 1998, input was sought from the broader community. A brochure, "Housing Plan Issues", was distributed to all of the 15,000 residents, businesses and community organizations. About twenty meetings were held with local groups and residents and numerous letters and phone calls were received.

These discussions formed the basis for the draft Plan which will be tabled for information with Council this summer. Following this, it will be distributed for public review. Meetings will be arranged with the public, interested groups and residents. The Plan will then be revised and brought to City Council for decision in the fall.

For further information, contact Jill Davidson (Housing Centre) at 873-7670 or Nathan Edelson (Planning Department) at 873-7444.

3. Gastown Land Use Plan

The Gastown Land Use Plan Task Force has prepared a draft Land Use Plan recommending that:

- the mixed use character of Gastown be recognized;
- the entertainment function in Gastown be recognized, however, the City would also investigate moving liquor licenses from the area;

- new market housing be encouraged, the existing SROs be replaced with better quality, self-contained units; and
- proposals for social service centre be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

The draft Plan will be forwarded to Council in conjunction with the Housing Plan.

For further information, contact Jeannette Hlava at 871-6448.

4. Victory Square Plan

Staff have prepared a draft Plan to protect low income housing, revitalize business, and retain the area's historic character. The Plan has been reviewed with community and business groups.

The Plan also encourages:

- new market housing;
- new offices, shops and places for arts entertainment; and
- new social housing to replace existing SROs.

The draft will be revised and presented to City Council in conjunction with the Housing Plan.

For further information, contact Michel Desrocher at 873-7160 or Nathan Edelson at 873-7444.

5. Community Policing

The Police Department is committed making Downtown Eastside a safer community. We continue our community partnerships with the local agencies and sponsor the Neighbourhood Safety Offices located at East Hastings Street, 219 Abbott Street and 18 E Pender Street.

We have worked closely with the Neighbourhood Integrated Services Team (please refer to # 6) to improve the behaviour of businesses in the area. This has included the permanent closure of some businesses and the restriction of operating hours for others.

Incidents of violent crime and property crime have been reduced. The Department is adding additional personnel to walk the beat in the area to re-enforce these gains and community safety.

For further information, contact Inspector Gary Gre at 717-3211.

City Initiatives in the Downtown Eastside



6. Integrated Services Team (IST)

The Integrated Services Team (IST) has been coordinating the City's enforcement resources to reduce the impacts of crime and problem premises and to improve the physical condition of buildings and lanes in the Downtown Eastside.

The IST has focussed efforts on problem hotels in order to prevent hotel closures due to poor maintenance and increase the standards of liveability in the hotels. Currently, joint inspections are occurring in two hotels per month in addition to the regular schedule. An additional full time inspector has been added to the team for hotel inspections. The main problem premises have been identified and staff are coordinating enforcement efforts in collecting evidence for license suspensions or withdrawals. Staff are also working with property owners to secure vacant buildings. Ongoing work is underway to improve the physical conditions in the streets and lanes.

For further information, please contact Donald MacPherson (Social Planning Department) at 871-6040 or Inspector Gary Greer (Police Department) at 717-3211.

7. On-Street Physical Enhancement

In April 1998, City Council approved a number of on-street physical enhancement initiatives, including:

- Continue lane clean-ups three times a week, supplemented with special clean-ups by local groups, including United-We-Can;
- Placement of 12 additional litter receptacles along Hastings Street;
- Power washing of sidewalks along Hastings Street;
- Improved lighting along Hastings Street;
- Painting of light poles; and
- Enhancing tree bases on sidewalks.

For further information, contact John McLewin at 323-7706.

8. New Trade and Convention Facilities

In November 1997, the Provincial Government announced that Greystone Properties had been selected as the 'preferred proponent' to build new trade and convention facilities in Vancouver. In May 1998, Greystone submitted a development agreement application (the equivalent of a rezoning) for expanded trade and convention facilities on the site immediately east of Canada Place. The application would also include a hotel, a new SeaBus connection, an extension to the Canada Place pier to accommodate a third cruiseship berth, as well as retail and other ancillary uses. Greystone is also preparing conceptual plans for the lands between the new Convention Centre and Portside (CRAB) Park.

Public consultation will occur through 1998. Issues which were raised during earlier stages include impacts on low income housing and Portside (CRAB) Park, and job training and job creation.

For further information, contact Rob Jenkins at 873-7082.

9. Downtown Streetcar

The City is investigating reviving the streetcar system for Downtown to improve transit. Staff are currently working with the public on the detailed route. The route will likely go through Chinatown and Gastown.

For further information, contact Richard Johnson at 873-7189.

10. Transportation Plan

In May 1997, City Council approved the Vancouver Transportation Plan, which includes an overall transportation strategy for the City.

Some policy directions which may be of interest to residents in the eastern area of the downtown include:

- improve transit for downtown residents;
- build greenways, bike lanes and bikeways;
- review the one-way street system in Gastown, Chinatown and International Village; and
- do not allow for more road capacity into the downtown.

A Downtown Transportation Plan will be prepared in the next several years.

For a copy of the Vancouver Transportation Plan, please contact Planning Reception at 873-7095.

11. Thornton Park Concept Plan

In 1996, City Council instructed staff to prepare a Concept Plan for the Thornton Park area bounded by Prior, Quebec, 1st Avenue, and Station Street. The Plan will address issues such as housing, services and amenities, transportation, commercial and industrial uses, the public realm and heritage. Work and community discussion has been postponed until rezoning applications for the Trillium Land, Finning site or other interested groups are received.

For further information, contact Mark Holland at 873-7088.

Population



	1986	1991	% of Change		1986	1991	% of Change
Oppenheimer				Thornton Park			
Total Population	3,875	5,056	30.5	Total Population	175	183	
# households (HH)	2,775	3,815	37.5	# households (HH)	155	170	
# persons/HH	1.2	1.2	0	# persons/HH	1.0	1.1	1
Median HH income	\$6,694	\$8,748	30.7	Median HH income	N/A	N/A	
% incidence low income	88.7	79.7	-10.2	% incidence low income	N/A	N/A	
Gastown				Strathcona and Hastings Corridor			
Total Population	1,500	1,570	4.7	Total Population	7,005	6,949	-
# households (HH)	1,220	1,150	-5.7	# households (HH)	2,630	2,835	
# persons/HH	1.2	1.2	20.0	# persons/HH	2.5	2.4	-
Median HH income	\$5,857	\$9,213	57.3	Median HH income	\$11,469	\$16,282	4
% incidence low income	88.7	73.4	-17.3	% incidence low income	56.2	48.8	-1
Victory Square				Industrial Area			
Total Population	730	1,371	87.8	Total Population	N/A	N/A	
# households (HH)	500	975	95.0	# households (HH)	N/A	N/A	
# persons/HH	1	1.1	10.0	# persons/HH	N/A	N/A	
Median HH income	\$6,390	\$9,590	50.1	Median HH income	N/A	N/A	
% incidence low income	83.4	77.0	-7.7	% incidence low income	N/A	N/A	
Chinatown				Downtown Eastside			
Total Population	885	707	-20.1	Total Population	14,170	15,836	1
# households (HH)	625	500	-20.0	# households (HH)	7,905	9,445	1
# persons/HH	1.3	1.4	7.7	# persons/HH	1.3	1.4	
Median HH income	\$7,937	\$9,098	14.6	Median HH income	\$7,669	\$10,586	3
% incidence low income	70.7	88.0	24.5	% incidence low income	77.5	73.4	
City of Vancouver				Population Update			
Total Population	431,147	473,214	9.8		1991	1996*	% of Change
# households (HH)	185,790	199,935	7.6	Oppenheimer	5,056	5,250	
# persons/HH	2.3	2.3	0	Gastown	1,570	1,699	
Median HH income	\$24,652	\$34,174	38.6	Victory Square	1,371	1,427	
% incidence low income	25.6	24.8	-3.1	Chinatown	707	785	1
				Thornton Park	183	260	4
				Strathcona & Hastings Corridor	6,949	6,655	-
				Industrial Area	0	0	N
				Downtown Eastside	15,836	16,076	1
				City of Vancouver	473,210	514,008	8

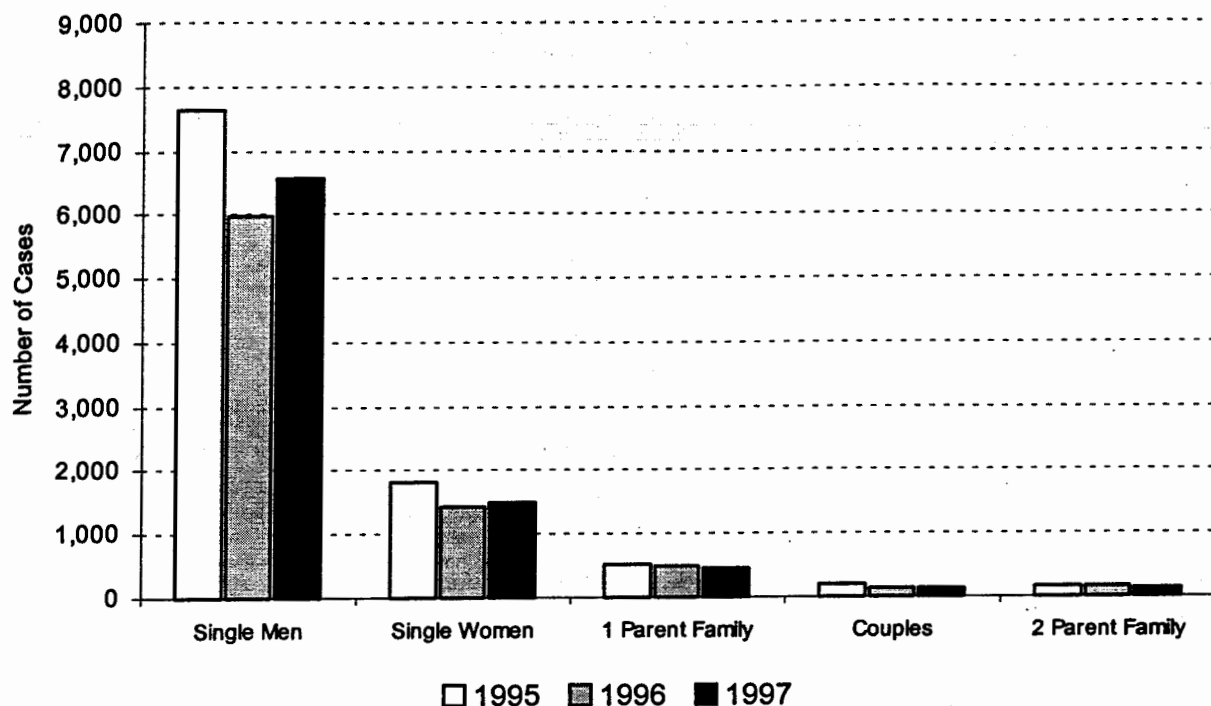
* 1996 Population was preliminary, unverified data extracted from the 1996 Census.

Note: Being an industrial area, the population in Industrial Area is insignificant for Statistics Canada to produce specific reports.

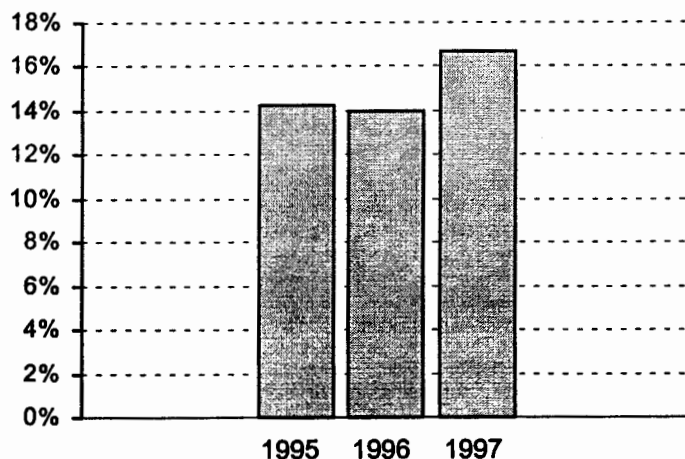
Source: Statistics Canada, 1991 Census



Income Assistance Caseload by Family Type



Downtown Eastside Income Assistance Caseload (Percentage of City Total)



Data was collected for five social services offices - Harbour Centre, Dockside, Waterfront, Strathcona and Kiwassa, which serve Downtown Eastside residents. Although the study areas do not share geographic boundaries, they are similar for comparison.

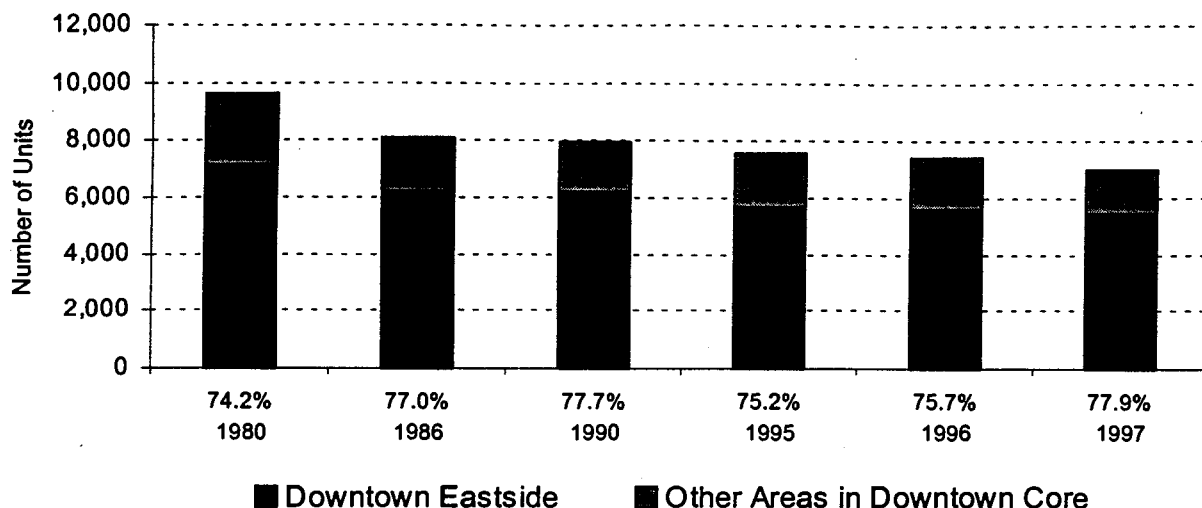
In 1997, Downtown Eastside income assistance cases increased by 7.4% from 1996. However, there was a 14.9% decline from 1995. An average of 6.8% decrease over 3 years.

In 1997, there were 52,487 income assistance cases in Vancouver, Downtown Eastside accounts for 16.7%.

Source: Ministry of Social Services

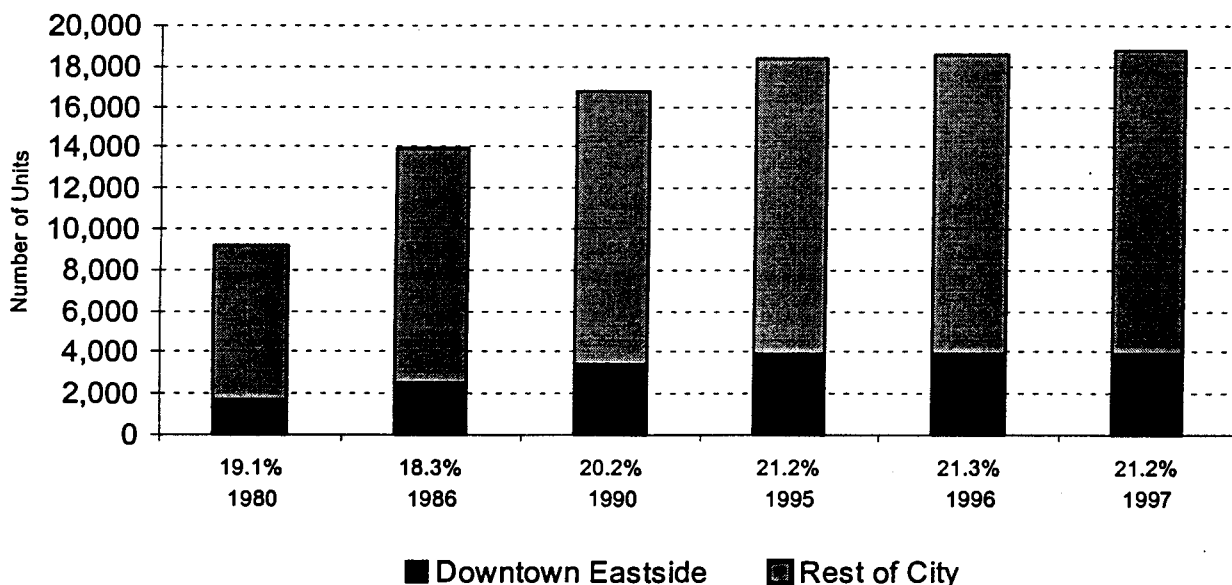


Single Room Occupancy Housing Stock* (As a Percentage of Downtown Core Total)



Downtown Core consists of the area east of Burrard Street, west of Clark Drive, north to the waterfront and south along Terminal Avenue. Three quarters of the SRO units are located in the Downtown Eastside. In 1980 there were 7,155 units while in 1997 there were only 5,488 units left; a net loss of 1,667 units, or decrease of 23.3%. Most of these units were lost between 1980 to 1986.

Non-Market Housing Stock* (As a Percentage of City Total)



* Stock at the end of each year

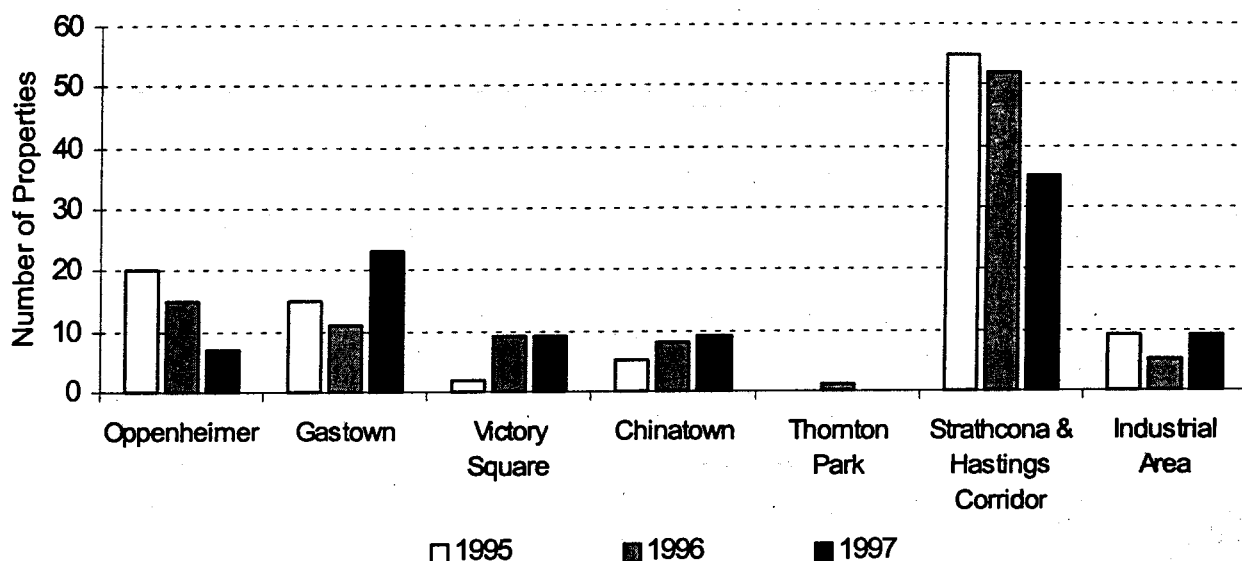
The number of non-market units in the Downtown Eastside increased by more than 125% from 1,763 units in 1980 to 3,976 units in 1997. There was an average increase of 130 units per year in the 1980's, 100 units in the early 1990's, and 50 units from 1995 to 1997.

Since 1981, the total number of non-market units added outpaced the total number of SRO units lost in the area. However, not all the new units are for core-need one-person households.

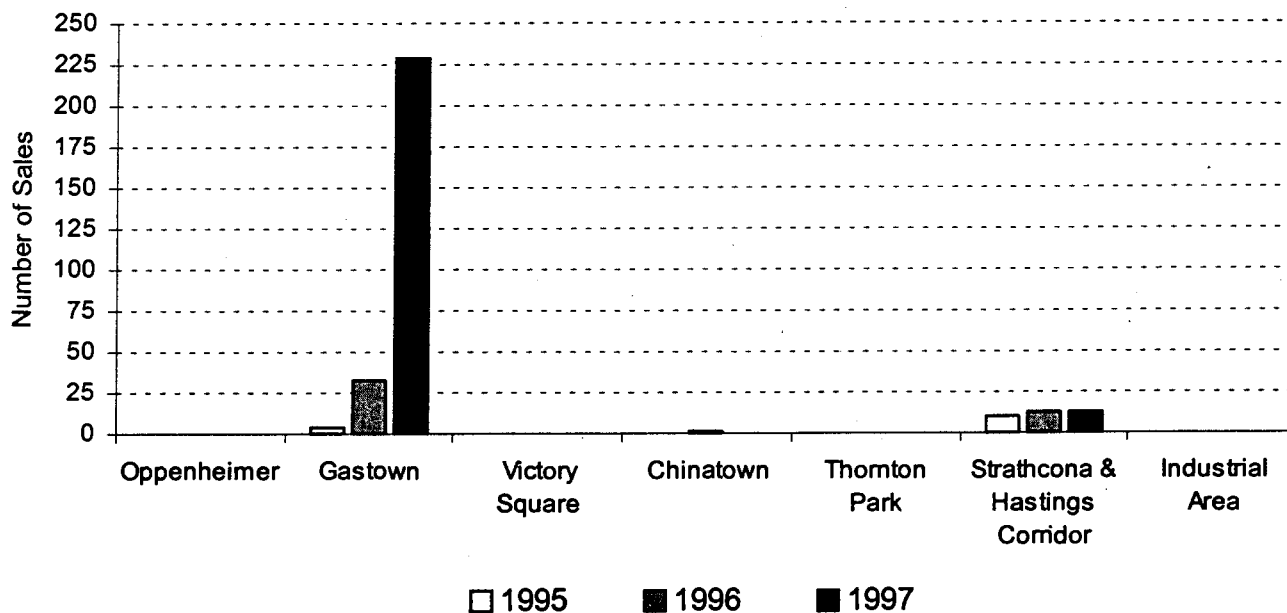
Source: Housing Centre, City of Vancouver



Number of Properties with Sales Transactions by Sub-Area



Condominium Sales Transactions by Sub-Area



In 1997, there were 92 properties sold in the Downtown Eastside with 293 actual sales transactions and a value of over \$102 million. For the purposes of recording sales activities, multiple sales in one building (e.g., new condominium project) are collapsed into one record for the first graph. Individual strata condominium sales are recorded in the second graph.

Source: Real Estate Services, City of Vancouver

Development Activities

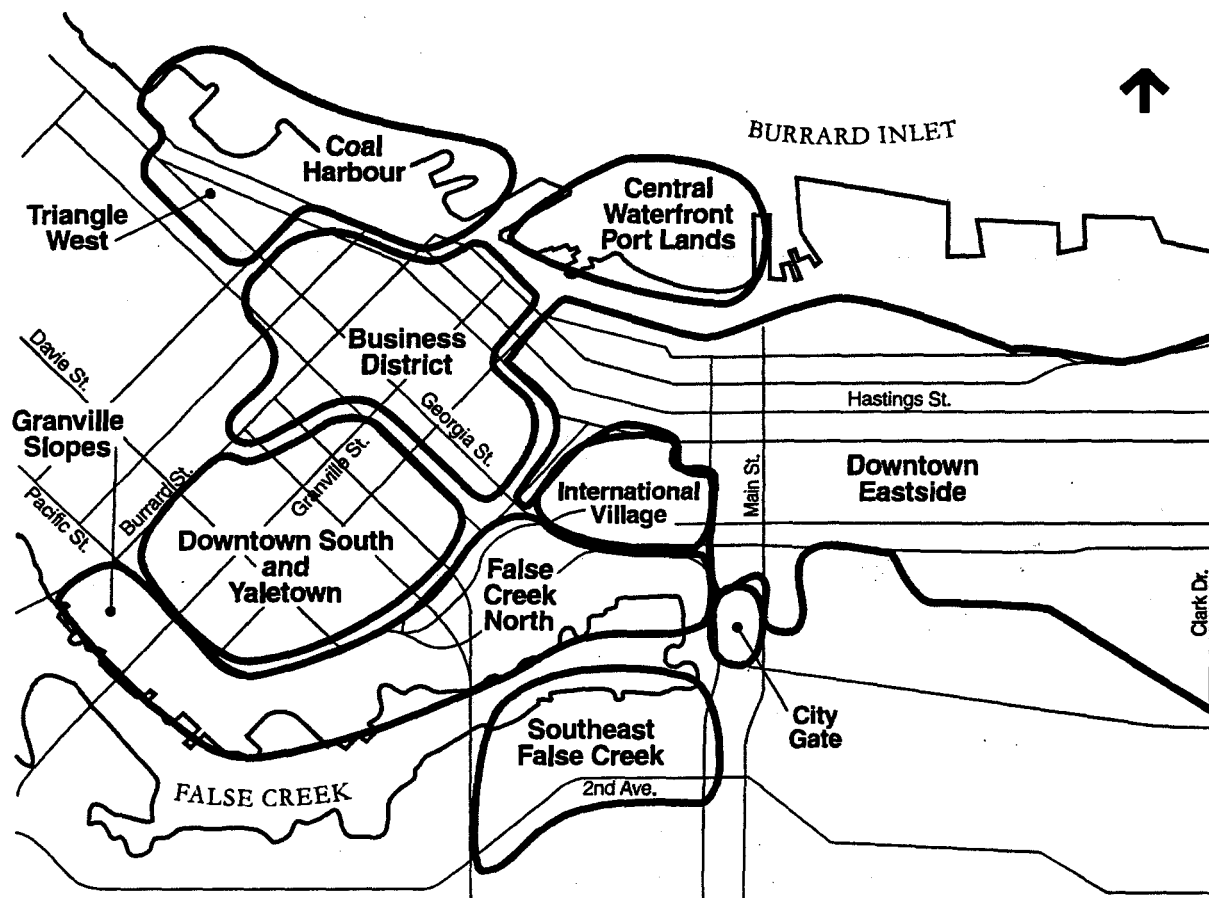


	1994	1995	1996	1997		1994	1995	1996
Oppenheimer					Thomton Park			
Development Permits	N/A	9	6	5	Development Permits	N/A	0	0
Building Permits	N/A	20	41	18	Building Permits	N/A	1	0
# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	20	15	7	# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	0	1
SRO Units	2319	2296	2299	2299	SRO Units	278	277	277
Non-Market Units	1346	1346	1346	1346	Non-Market Units	0	0	0
Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	52	52	Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	5
Gastown					Strathcona and Hastings Corridor			
Development Permits	N/A	26	15	9	Development Permits	N/A	16	11
Building Permits	N/A	55	48	46	Building Permits	N/A	39	29
# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	15	11	23	# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	55	52
SRO Units	1330	1329	1329	1277	SRO Units	508	514	502
Non-Market Units	873	873	873	873	Non-Market Units	1414	1414	1414
Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	104	104	Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	133
Victory Square					Industrial Area			
Development Permits	N/A	7	9	6	Development Permits	N/A	1	6
Building Permits	N/A	15	14	20	Building Permits	N/A	11	13
# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	2	9	9	# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	9	5
SRO Units	769	749	712	591	SRO Units	24	24	24
Non-Market Units	114	114	114	114	Non-Market Units	27	27	94
Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	47	47	Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	3
Chinatown					Downtown Eastside			
Development Permits	N/A	18	8	2	Development Permits	N/A	77	56
Building Permits	N/A	55	35	18	Building Permits	N/A	198	181
# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	6	8	9	# of Buildings with Sales Activities	N/A	107	101
SRO Units	518	518	518	518	SRO Units	5746	5707	5661
Non-Market Units	120	120	120	120	Non-Market Units	3894	3894	3961
Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	29	29	Listed Heritage Buildings	N/A	N/A	373

* In 1997, of the 502 SRO units in Strathcona and Hastings Corridor, 245 were in the Hastings Corridor (700-1200 East Hastings), 257 units were in Strathcona. Of the 1,429 non-market units, all were in Strathcona.

In 1997, a total of 4,605 building permits were issued for the whole city, a decrease of 293 permits (6.0%) from 1996.

Major Development Near Downtown Eastside



**Housing Units in Major Projects
Near Downtown Eastside
March 1998**

Project	Market Housing Units		Non-Market Housing Units		Non-Market as % of Total Units Planned
	Total Planned	Built/Under Construction	Total Planned	Built/Under Construction	
City Gate	800	600	200	75	20%
International Village	1,260	375	140 *	0	10%
Business District	n/a (1,500)	1,500	n/a	0	0%
False Creek North and Granville Slopes	8,000	3,450	1,475 **	300	16%
Downtown South and Yaletown	8,100	4,300	1,000	600	11%
Coal Harbour and Triangle West	6,000	3,100	575	100	9%
Total	25,660	13,325	3,390	1,075	12%

* In International Village, the developer will also contribute \$1.1 million to non-market housing.

** In False Creek North, the developer will also contribute \$1.6 million to non-market housing.

Central Waterfront Port Lands: Planning is underway on the expansion of the convention centre and cruiseship terminal. Project includes 1,000-1,500 hotel rooms, shops and restaurants. Housing may be built on the land between the convention centre and Crab Park.

Southeast False Creek: Planning on this residential area is underway. Although definite numbers are not yet available, up to 5,000 units may be built.

Sources: Planning Department, City of Vancouver

Problem Premises



Business License Reviews January 1997 to May 1998

From January 1997 to May 1998, 14 business licenses have been suspended a total of 16 times, 4 businesses have been brought to show cause hearing and 6 businesses have lost their licenses.

Name	Address	Type of Business	Action Taken
1. Blue Eagle Cafe	130 East Hastings	Restaurant C.1	Suspended 1 month.
2. Sports Cafe	100 East Hastings	Restaurant 1	Suspended 30 days. Show cause Hearings. License REFUSED .
3. Zodiac Fast Food	151 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	Suspended 2 days in 1997. Agreed to close 2-6 am. Suspended 20 days in 1998. Suspended 3 days. Agreed to close 3-7 am for 3 months Under review.
4. Diamond Fast Food	165 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	License REVOKED at show cause.
5. Ivanhoe Hotel	1038 Main	Hotel and Public House	Suspended 1 month.
6. Hastings Pool Room	162 East Hastings	Billiard Room Keeper	Suspended 2 days.
7. Diamond Buy & Sell	7 West Hastings	2nd Hand/Retail Food	Suspended 24 days.
8. Hi's Secondhand	330 Carrall	2nd Hand Dealer	Suspended 7 days.
9. Westend Buy & Sell	162 West Hastings	2nd Hand/Pawnbroker	Suspended 7 days.
10. MJM Grocery	56 East Hastings	Retail Dealer Food	Suspended 30 days.
11. Savers Buy and Sell	63 West Hastings	2nd Hand/Retail Dealer/ Pawnbroker	Show cause scheduled. License application REFUSED . Referred to Council.
12. All-nite Grocery	120 West Hastings	Retail Dealer/Food	Suspended 3 months. Suspended until end of December 1998.
13. SuperSub	135 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	1998 License REVOKED .
14. Cannabis Cafe	307 West Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	1998 License REVOKED .
15. Alibi Pizza	139 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	Suspended 3 days and 14 days
16. Four Leaf Clover	336 East Hastings	2nd Hand/Pawnbroker/ Retail Dealer	Suspended 20 days.
17. Moon Light Shop	132 East Hastings	2nd Hand/Pawnbroker	1998 License REFUSED .
18. Good Morning News	102 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	Warning.
19. Cosy Corner Grocery	100 East Hastings	Retail Dealer Food	Suspended until November 30, 1998.
20. Grizzly Pizza	425 Abbot	Ltd. Service Food	
21. B.C. Collateral	77 East Hastings	2nd Hand/Pawnbroker	
22. Yafa Café	784 East Hastings	Ltd. Service Food	

Source: Permits and Licenses Department, City of Vancouver

Vacant Buildings



Vacant Buildings As of March 1998

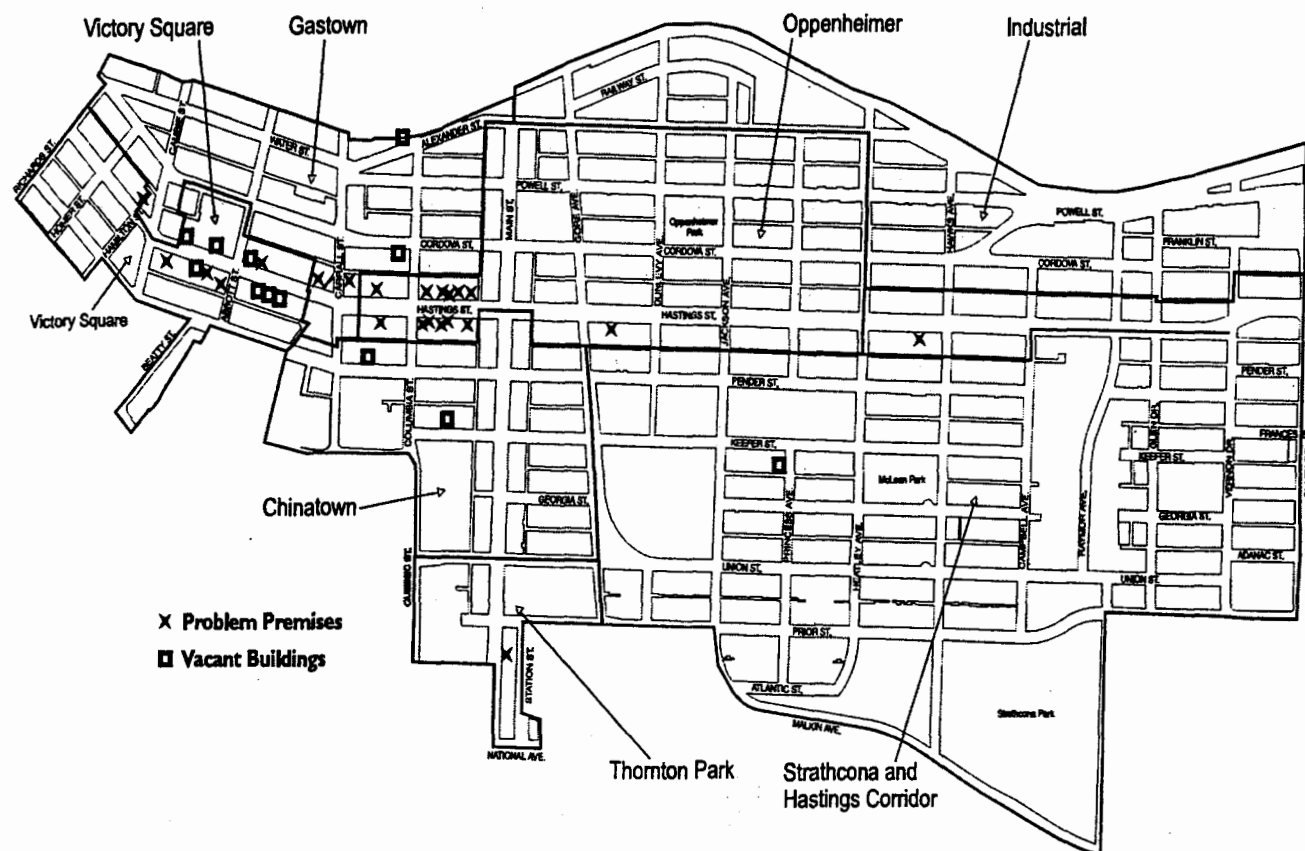
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| 1. 99 Alexander Street * | 5. 95 West Hastings | 9. 615 Princess |
| 2. 58 West Hastings | 6. 122 West Hastings | 10. 62 East Cordova |
| 3. 62 West Hastings | 7. 149 West Hastings | 11. 43 East Pender |
| 4. 68 West Hastings | 8. 135 Keefer | 12. 101 West Hastings |

* A study on the physical and economic feasibility of retaining this heritage building is being funded by the City, the Province and the owner, Marathon Developments. A public meeting is scheduled for early September 1998.

Letters have been sent to the registered property owners warning that they are legally responsible for keeping their vacant buildings secured and empty of unwanted, illegal trespassers. Two owners have voluntarily agreed to make their buildings more secure and hire guards to patrol the premises.

Source: Permits and Licenses Department, City of Vancouver

Map of Problem Premises and Vacant Buildings



Liquor Licenses



**Number of Liquor Licenses and Seats by Type
December 1997**

Type of Liquor License	Downtown Eastside		City of Vancouver		DTE % of Seats
	# of Licenses	# of Seats	# of Licenses	# of Seats	
Class A Lounge* and Hotel Pub	30	5,139	110	18,404	27.9%
Class C Cabaret	16	2,915	47	10,107	28.8%
Class D Neighbourhood Pub	1	85	14	1,285	6.6%
Total	47	8,139	171	29,796	27.3%

* NOT including private clubs.

Class A lounges and hotel pubs are generally in a building that contains hotel rooms and restaurant facilities. They can be open up to 14 hours per day between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m. and have live entertainment.

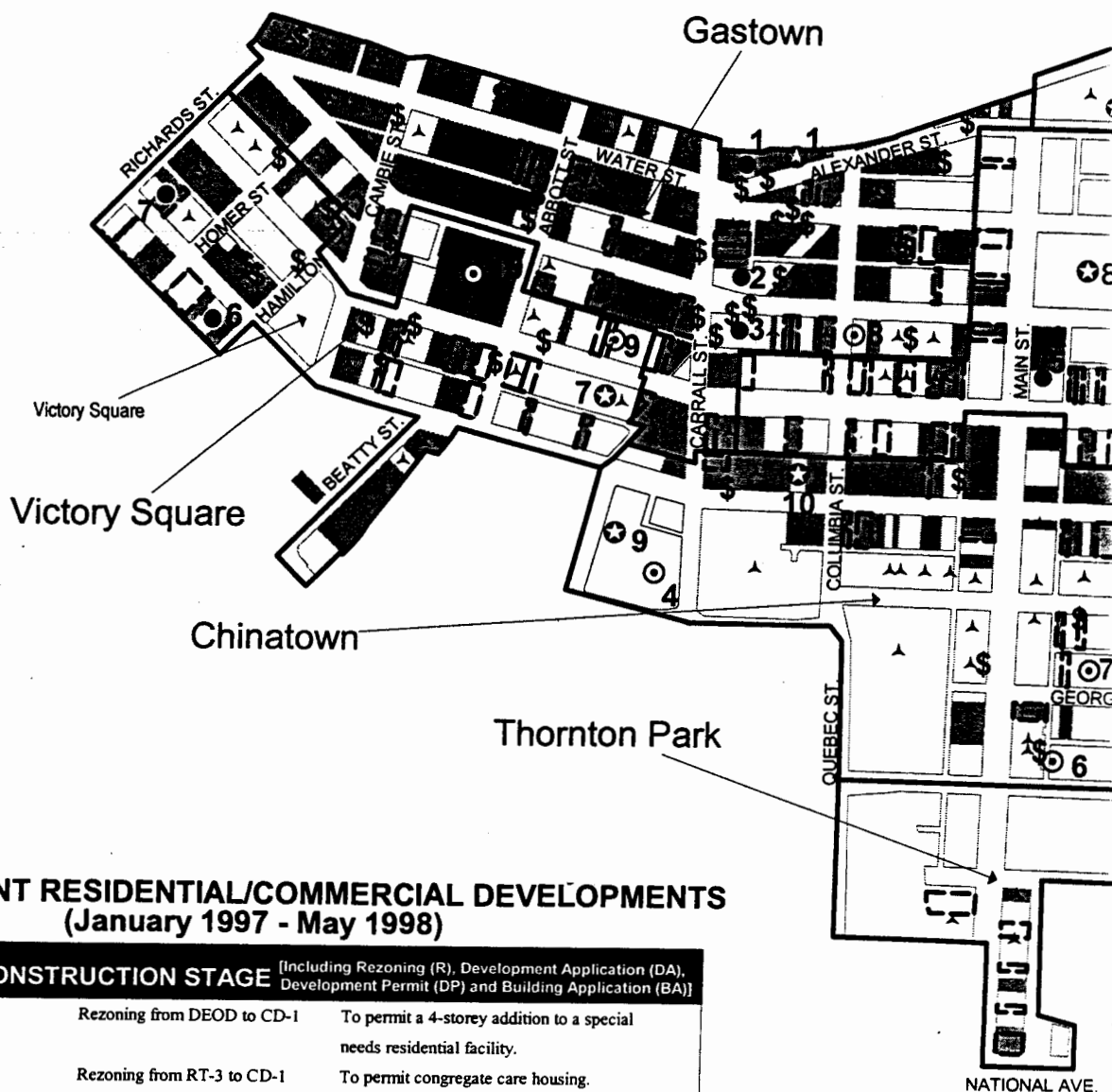
Class C cabarets generally provide live entertainment with amplified music and dancing. They cannot open before 7 p.m. and must stop serving alcoholic beverages by 2 a.m., with all patrons off the premises by 2:30 a.m.

Class D neighbourhood pubs can be open for any continuous 14 hour period from 9 a.m. to midnight, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. to midnight on Sunday. The sale of beer, cider and wine coolers is permitted for consumption off-premises. They do not have to serve food with alcoholic beverages and can have live entertainment with dancing.

In 1997, a total of 5 liquor or business licenses have been suspended a total of 6 times in the Downtown Eastside.

Source: Planning Department, City of Vancouver

Map of Downtown Eastside Development Activity



SIGNIFICANT RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS (January 1997 - May 1998)

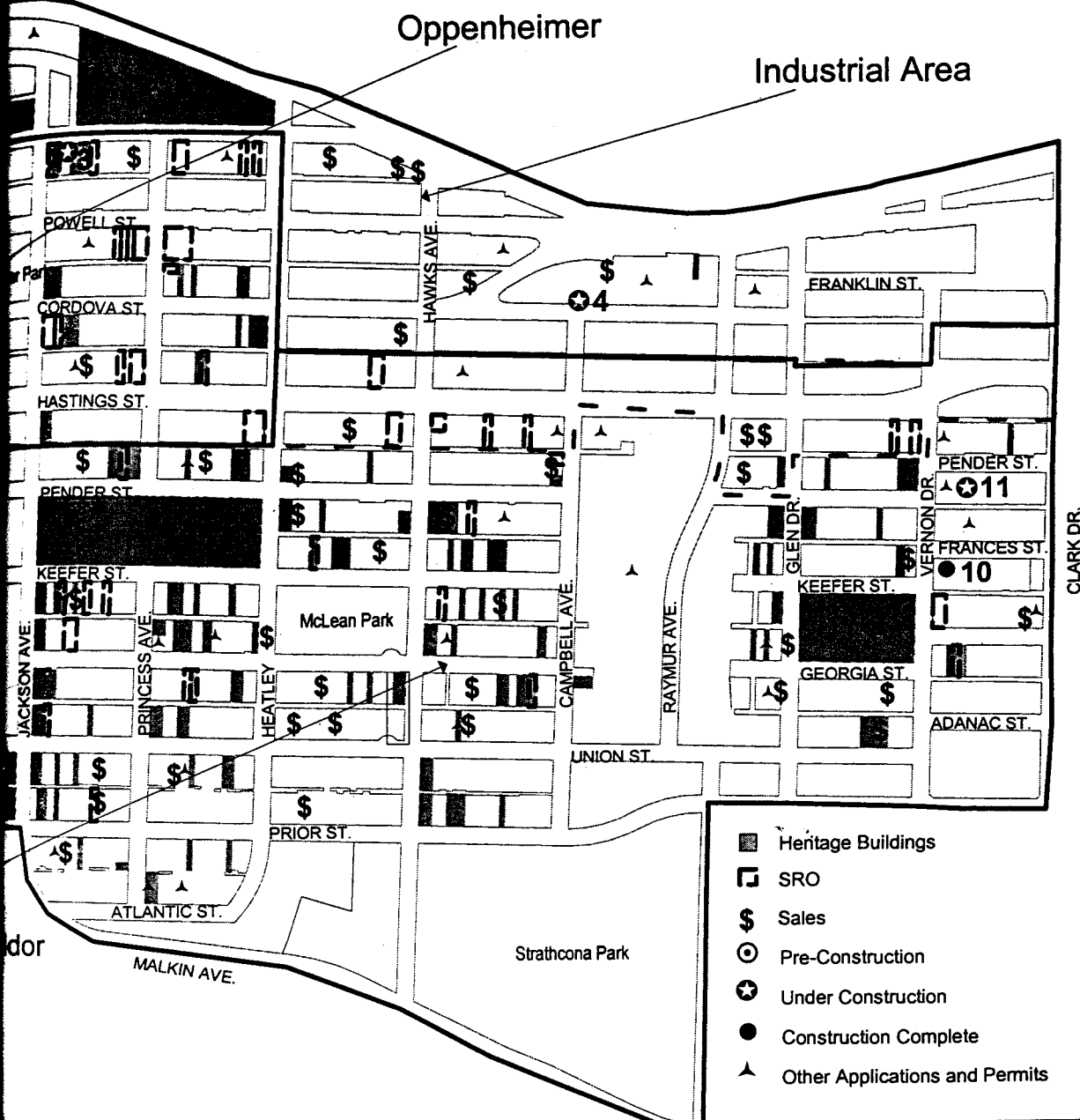
PRE-CONSTRUCTION STAGE

[Including Rezoning (R), Development Application (DA), Development Permit (DP) and Building Application (BA)]

1. 306 E. Cordova	Rezoning from DEOD to CD-1	To permit a 4-storey addition to a special needs residential facility.
2. 333 E. Pender	Rezoning from RT-3 to CD-1	To permit congregate care housing.
3. 450 Gore	Rezoning from RT-3 to CD-1	To permit a multiple dwelling building and time-limited use of site for parking.
4. 555 Carrall (Block 17 Phase Two)	DA 97/09/25	3-storey special needs residential facilities containing 100 sleeping units with one level of underground parking.
5. 389 E. Hastings	DA 98/01/07	Construction of a new 2-storey retail/community club building.
6. 219 Union	DA 98/03/13	8-storey multiple dwelling building containing 16 units with parking at grade.
7. 223 E. Georgia	DP 97/12/31	10-storey commercial/residential development containing 121 dwelling units on the 3rd to 10th floors.
8. 100 E. Cordova (Bridge Housing)	BA 96/09/24	7-storey plus penthouse, non-market building with 12 self-contained sleeping units and 35 dwelling units.
9. 29 W. Hastings (Cosmopolitan Hotel)	BA 97/11/19	Upgrade existing vacant SRO, closed in 1987, providing 34 sleeping units.
10. 101 W. Hastings (Woodward's)	BP 97/05/30	3-storey retail/commercial, 5-storey residential bldg. w/ a total of approximately 400 dwellings. In April 1997 the developer withdrew from the proposal to develop 197 units of co-op housing at this site.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

1. 55 Alexander	BP 98/04/01	8-
2. 289 Alexander	BP 97/05/20	6-
3. 504 Alexander	BP 96/08/13	U-
4. 915 E. Cordova	BP 98/02/25	4-s
5. 340 E. Cordova (S. Luke's Home)	BP 98/06/19	4-s
6. 288 E. Georgia	BP 98/02/20	2-s
7. 20 W. Hastings (New Portland Hotel)	BP 98/02/11	10
8. 222 Main (City Jail)	BP 97/12/04	3-s
9. 50 W. Pender (Block 17 Phase One)	BP 97/09/10	4-s
10. 75 E. Pender	BP 96/08/27	5-s
11. 1220 E. Pender	BP 98/02/12	3-s



- Heritage Buildings
- SRO
- \$ Sales
- ⊙ Pre-Construction
- ★ Under Construction
- Construction Complete
- ▲ Other Applications and Permits

Unit (BP)

Containing 38 dwelling units.

Containing 120 live/work units and 30 non-market rental live/work units with parking.

Convert vacant SRO into a 38 unit residential lodging house.

Building with one level of underground parking.

Building 27 dwelling units, three of which will be non-market rental.

Building retail stores and restaurants w/ one level of underground parking.

Building with 87 dwelling units

Facilities.

C.E.S.S.) and a 7-storey commercial/non-market residential development

Units and 17 family dwelling units, w/ one level of underground parking.

1st floor, office on the 2nd through 4th floors, and social club on the 5th floor.

Level of underground parking.

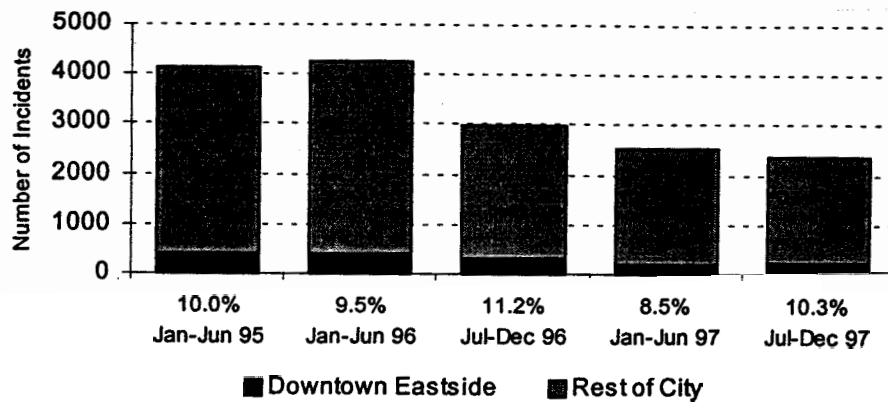
CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE [Occupancy Permit (OP)]

1. 27 Alexander	OP 97/02/19	Commercial/Residential Heritage Bldg. w/ 58 dwelling units.
2. 298 Carrall (Carrall station)	OP 97/07/11	5-storey mixed-use bldg. containing 71 residential units and 8 commercial units, plus a 3-storey bldg. w/ 4 townhouse units.
3. 300 Carrall (Van Home)	OP 97/04/22	2-storey commercial building; 8-storey bldg. w/ retail on the ground floor and 146 residential units.
4. 359 E. Cordova (Victory House)	OP 97/12/04	3-storey Special Needs Residential Facility with 47 units.
5. 380 Main (Bruce Erikson Pl.)	OP 98/05/29	8-storey non-market housing bldg. with 35 units and retail on ground.
6. 312 W. Pender (VanCity Place)	OP 98/05/01	4-storey mixed use bldg. w/ youth services at street level and 50 non-market units for singles under 45 on the upper floors.
7. 435 W. Pender (Niagara Hotel)	OP 98/04/30	Alterations and upgrading to change the existing SRO hotel to tourist hotel with 80 sleeping units.
8. 303 Railway	OP 98/05/21	Change warehouse bldg. to 46 rental artist live/work studios.
9. 329 Railway	OP 98/04/29	Change cold storage plant to artist studios (14 units) and office.
10. 600 Vernon (Bantleman Court)	OP 97/10/14	2-storey, fifteen unit multiple non-market building.

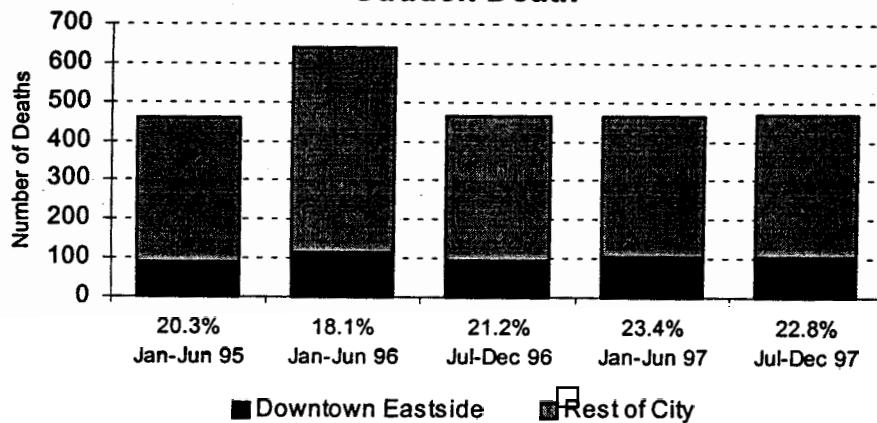


Downtown Eastside Incidents (as a Percentage of City Total)

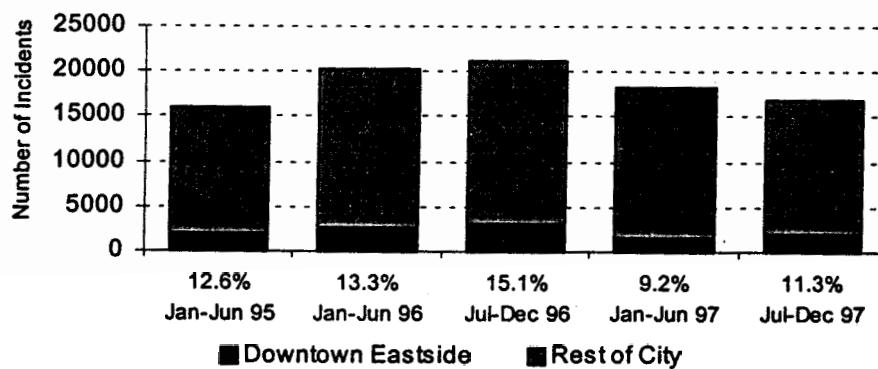
Mischief (Damage to Property)



Sudden Death

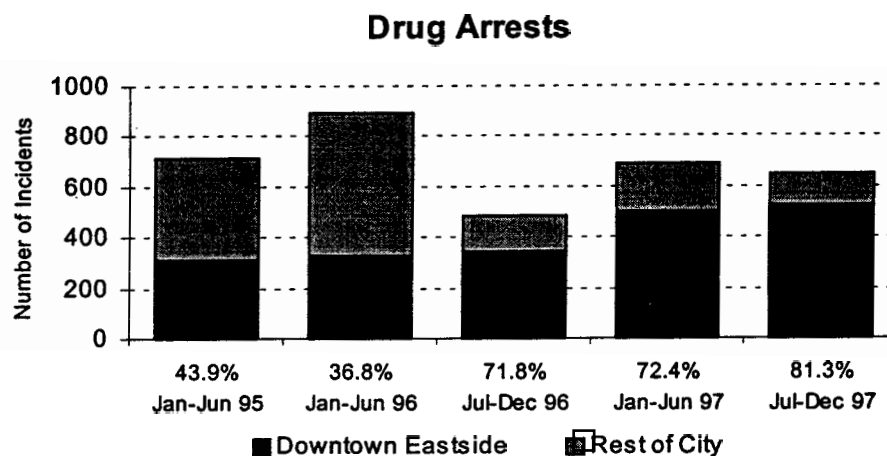
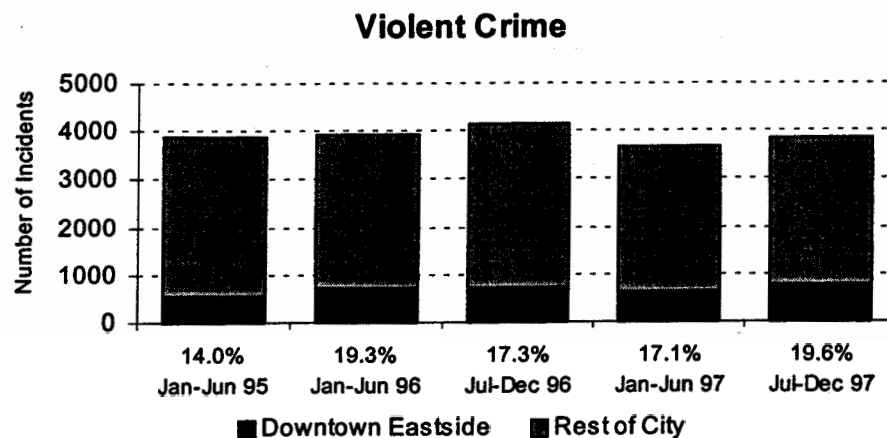


Theft From Auto





Downtown Eastside Incidents (as a Percentage of City Total)



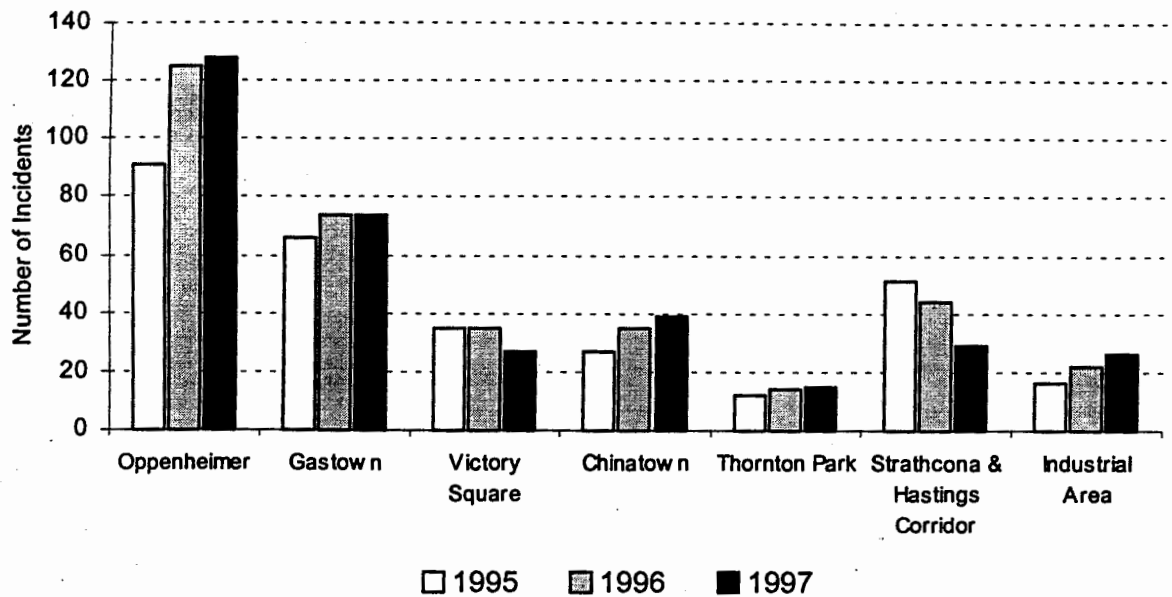
Note: July to December 1995 data not available due to labour dispute.

Statistics indicated a general decrease in criminal activities in the Downtown Eastside. In 1997, drug arrests dropped 3.3% from 1996, violent crime decreased by 6.5%, theft from auto by 15%, sudden death by 15.6% and mischief counts by 32.4%.

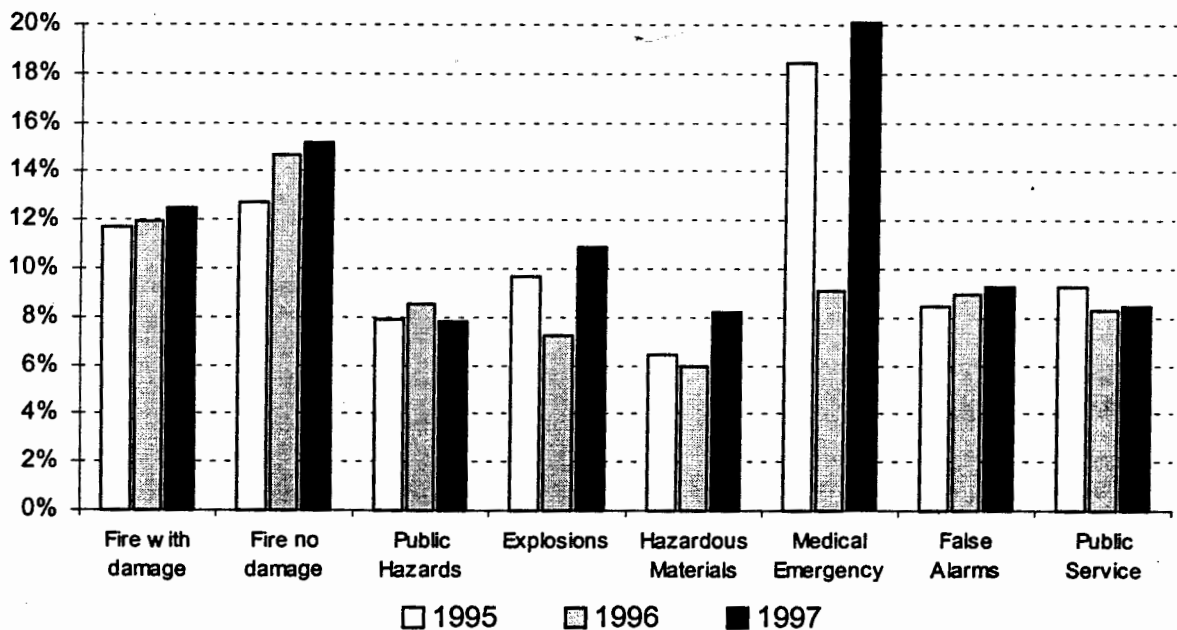
Source: Vancouver Police Department



Number of Fires (with and without damage) Incidents by Sub-Area



Fire and Rescue Responses (As a Percentage of City Total)

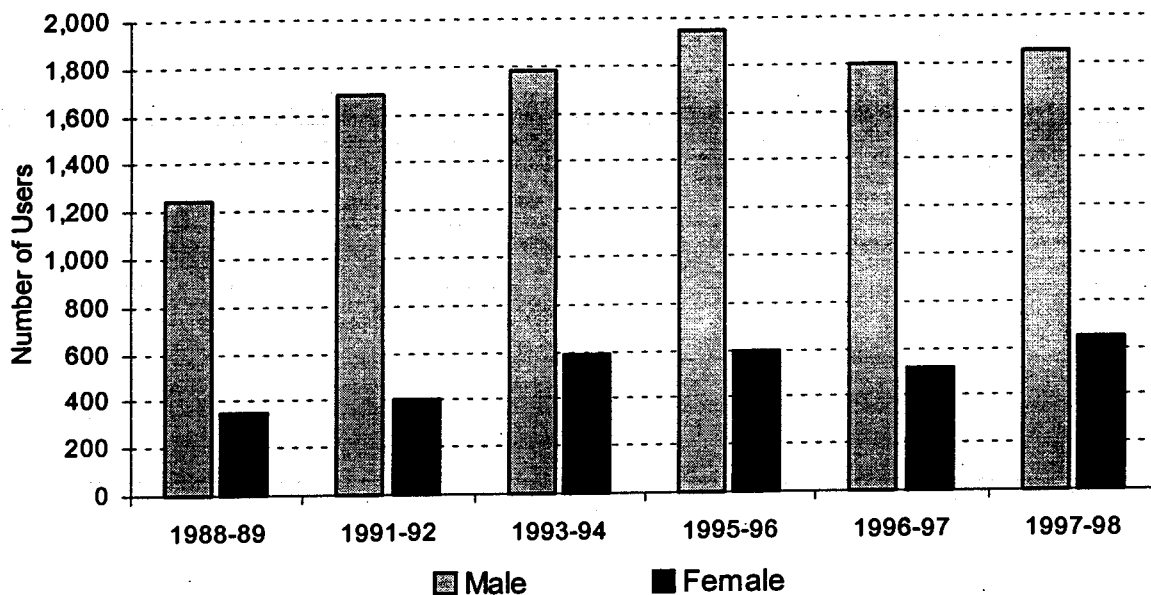


In 1997, 17.1% of the City's fires were in the Downtown Eastside. Of these, about 67.8% were in Oppenheimer and Gastown.

Source: Vancouver Fire Department

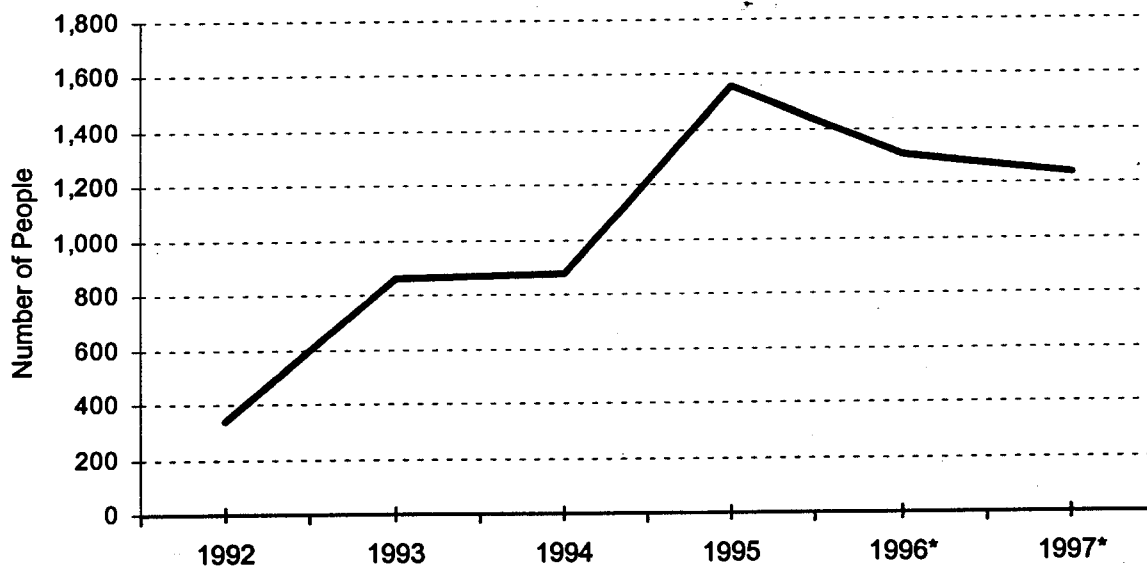


**Lookout Emergency Shelter Program
(Number of People Served by Gender)**



Note: Fiscal year April 1 - March 31

**Lookout Emergency Shelter Program
(Number of Turnaways per Year)**



*Combined Turnaways from Lookout North & South

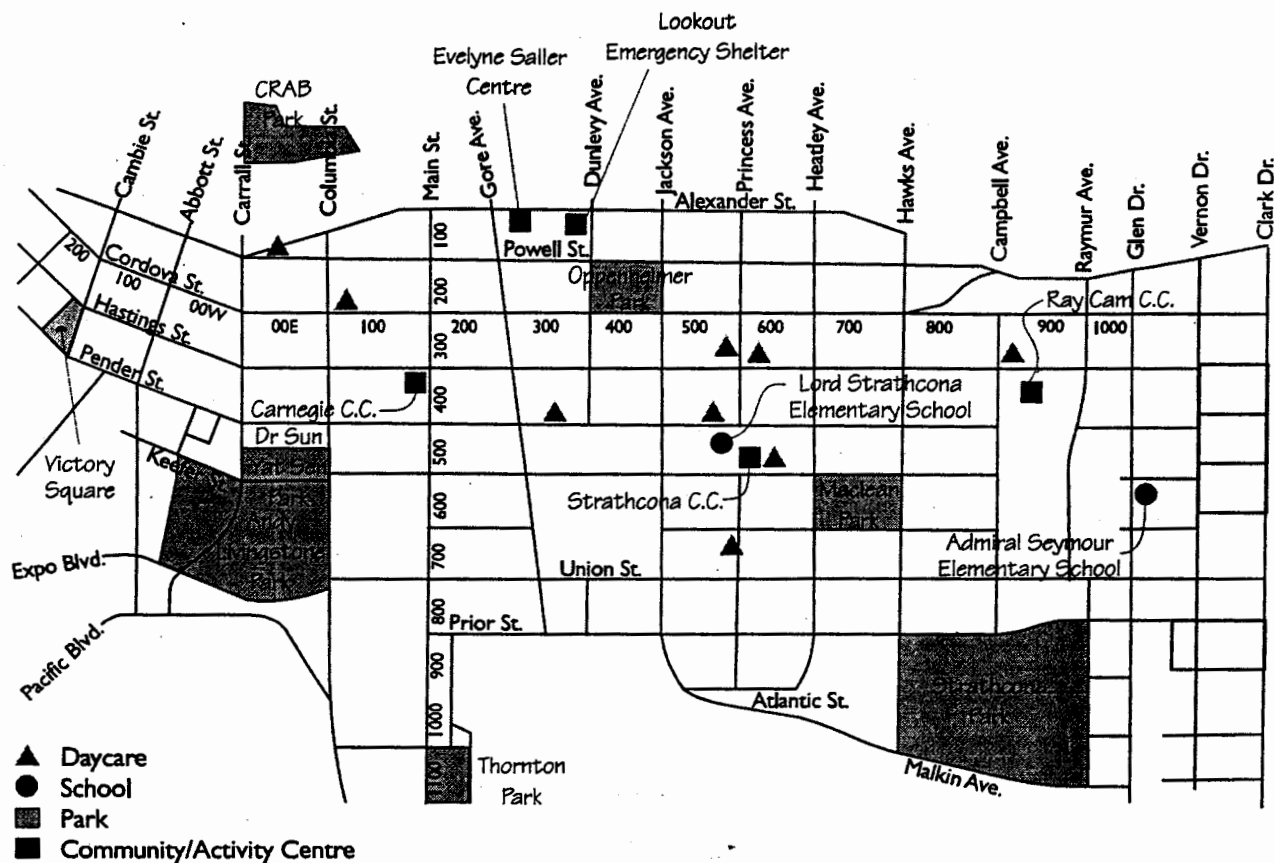
With the Hudson Street Shelter (Lookout South) added to the operation since 1996, Lookout Emergency Shelter has been able to house more people.

Since the early 90s, on the average, over 55% of the people using the emergency shelter program are Downtown Eastside residents, with 13% from other parts of Vancouver, 18% from out of Vancouver and 10% from out of B.C.

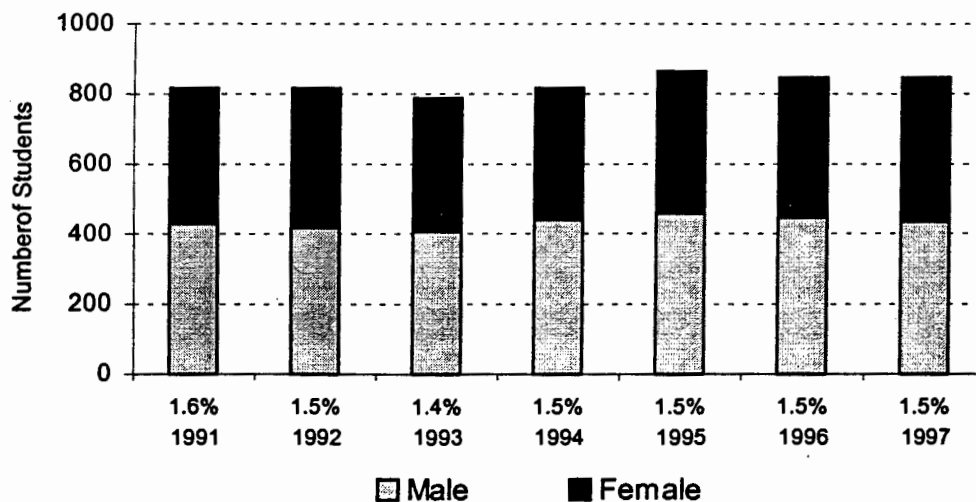
Source: Lookout Emergency Shelter



Map of Agencies Referred to in This Issue



Downtown Eastside Public School Enrolment (Total and as a Percentage of City Total)

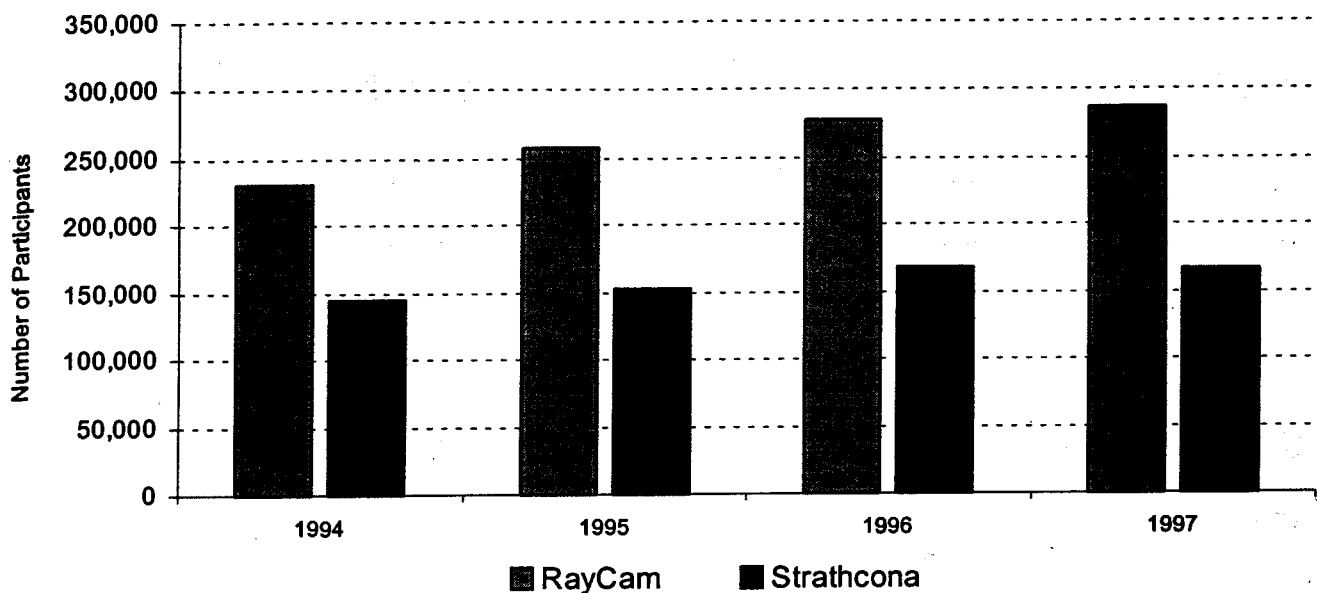


There are two public elementary schools within the Downtown Eastside. Most secondary students go to Britannia Secondary School which is outside of the study boundary. From 1991 to 1997, elementary school enrolment in the Downtown Eastside increased by an average of 1.5% per year, while the City of Vancouver school enrolment (including elementary and secondary schools) increased by an average of 1.2%.

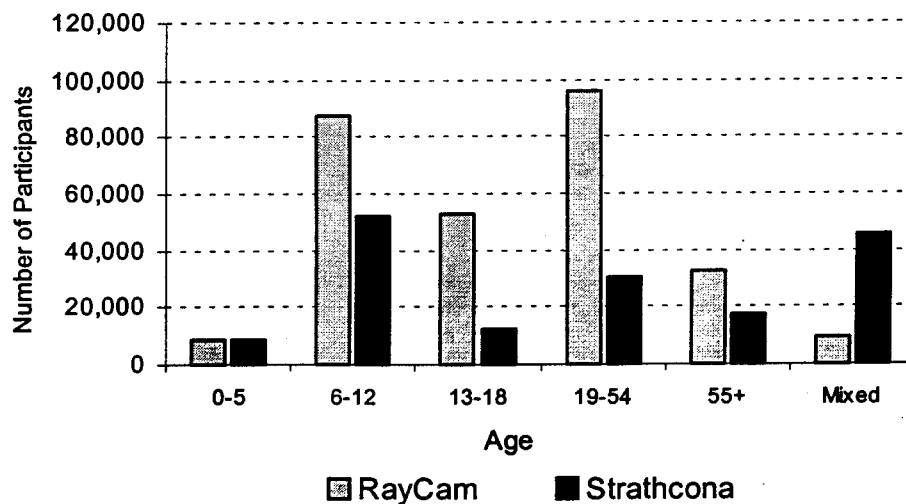
Source: Vancouver School Board



Total Number of Community Centre Participants



Community Centre Participants by Age Group - 1997

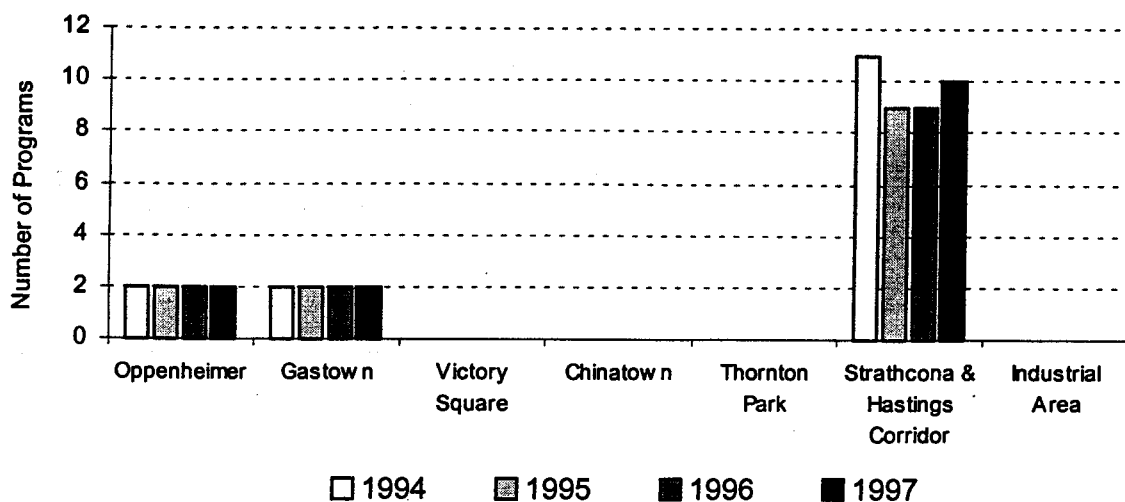


The Carnegie Community Centre survey for 1995-1996 revealed 51% of the users were between the age of 25 to 39, and over 60% of the users were single. The survey also indicated that average daily attendance in 1996 was 1,800 to 2,000.

Source: Vancouver Park Board

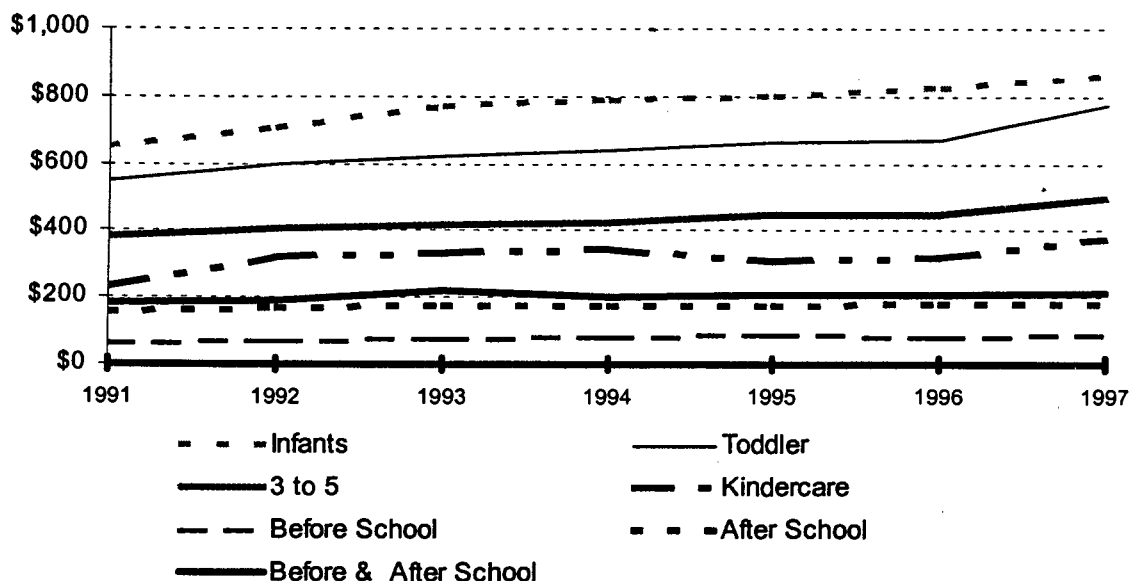


Licensed Childcare Programs



As of December 31, 1997, there are 14 licensed childcare programs with a total licensed capacity of 365 in the Downtown Eastside concentrating in Oppenheimer, Gastown, Strathcona and Hastings Corridor. They provide childcare programs for children under 3, kindergarten and school age, including special needs. A new child-minding program was added in Strathcona and Hastings Corridor in 1997. The Downtown Eastside accounts for 3.1% of Vancouver's population. 3.5% of all licensed childcare programs are located here.

Downtown Eastside Licensed Daycare Average Monthly Full Time Rates



Fees for group daycare have been increased by an average of 3.1% for kids 3 to 5 years, 3.3% for toddlers and 4.1% for infants from 1991 to 1997. The greatest increase happened in 1991 to 1993.

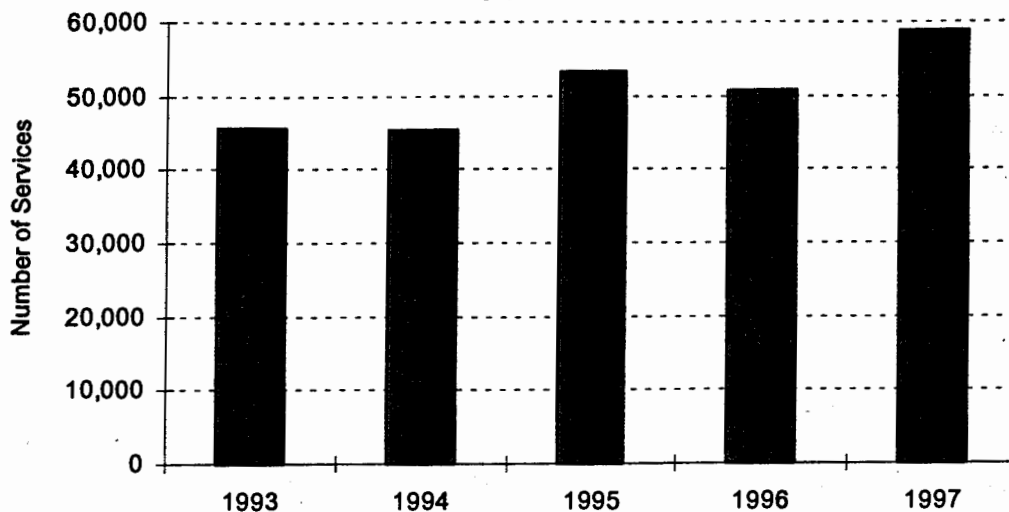
In 1997, Downtown Eastside parents pay 5 to 20% less in childcare expenses than the parents in other parts of the city.

As of March 31, 1998, the maximum monthly subsidy available for group daycare (increased October 1994) is \$585 for infant, \$528 for toddler, \$368 for 3 to 5 years, \$255 for kindergarten and \$173 for out-of-school kids.

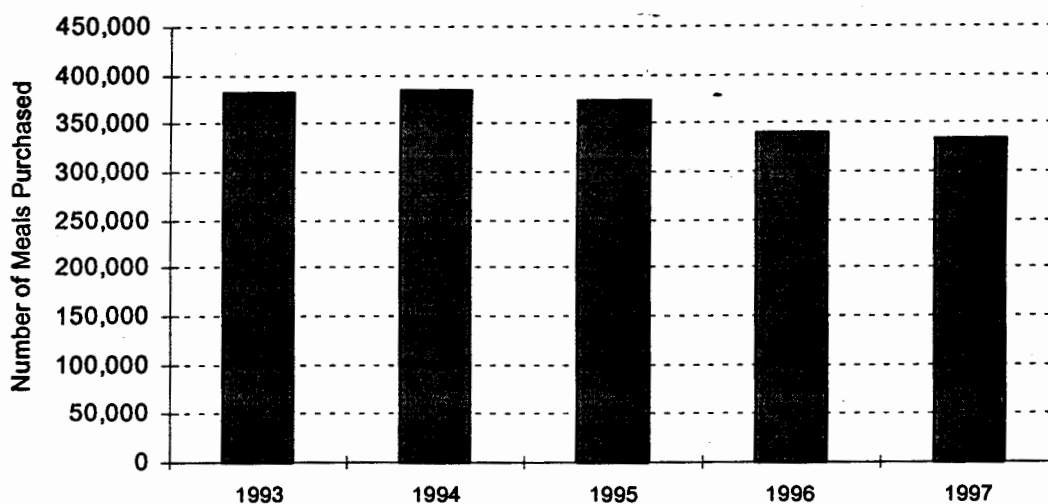
Source: Westcoast Child Care Resource Centre



Evelyne Saller Centre Health Support Services



Evelyne Saller Centre Meals Purchased



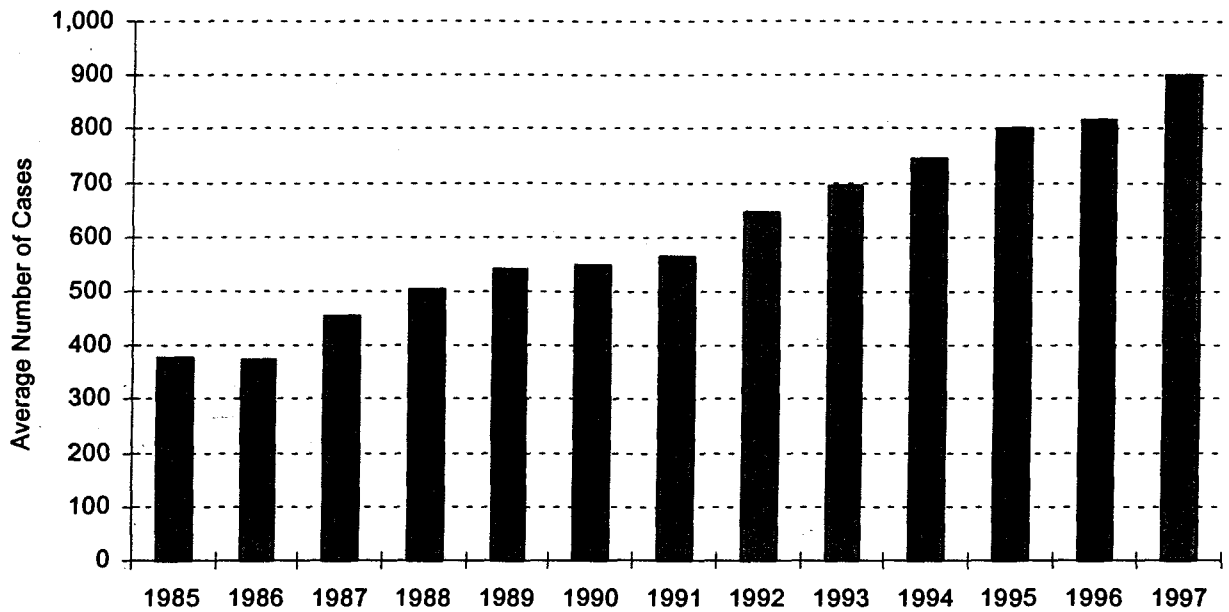
The Evelyn Saller Centre offers full course meals at subsidized rates and provides health support services including bathing, laundry, delousing, first-aid and dry cleaning to help meet health and hygiene related needs of people.

In 1997, health support services increased by 16% from 1996. That brings an average increase of 7% from 1993 to 1997. Total meals purchased in 1997 are down 6,898, a 2% reduction from 1996.

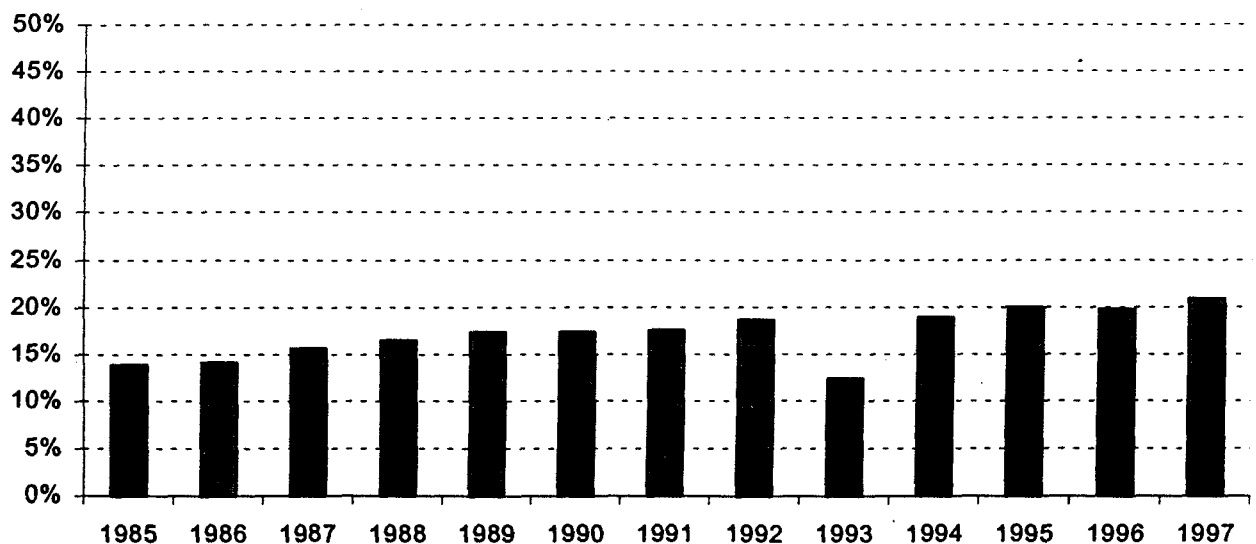
Source: Housing Centre, City of Vancouver



Downtown Eastside Average Monthly Mental Health Caseload



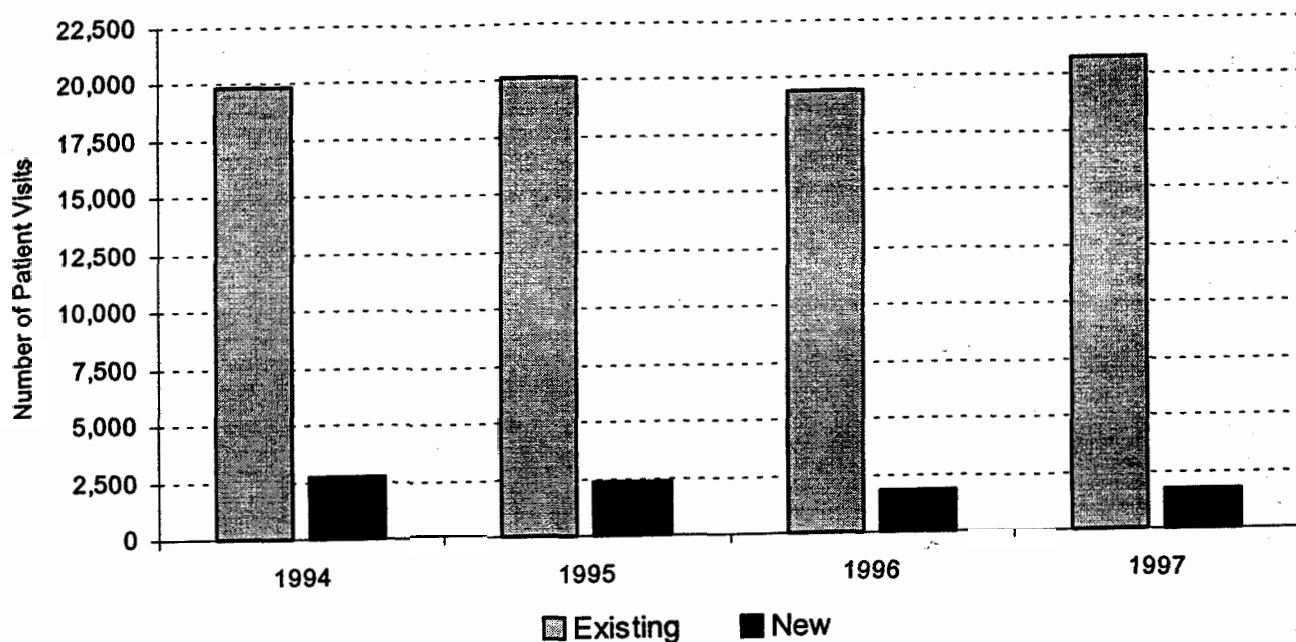
Downtown Eastside Mental Health Caseload (As a Percentage of City Total)



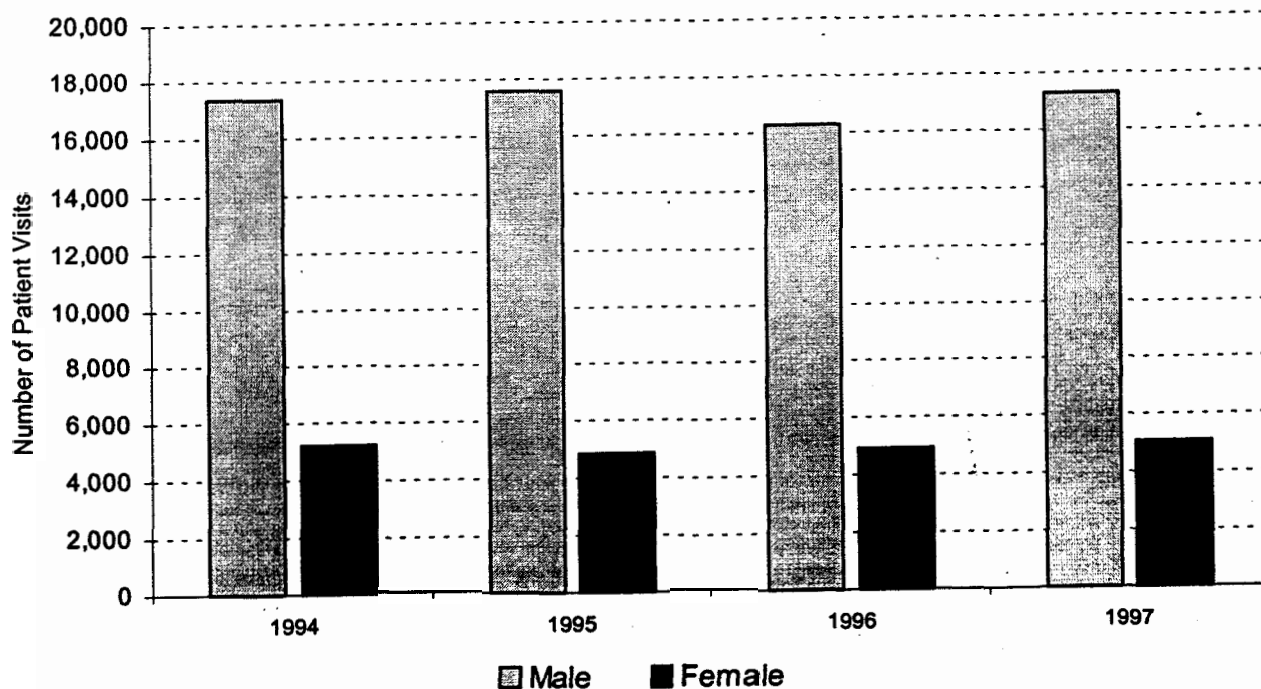
Source: Vancouver Regional Health Board



Downtown Eastside Community Health Clinic (Number of New & Existing Patient Visits)

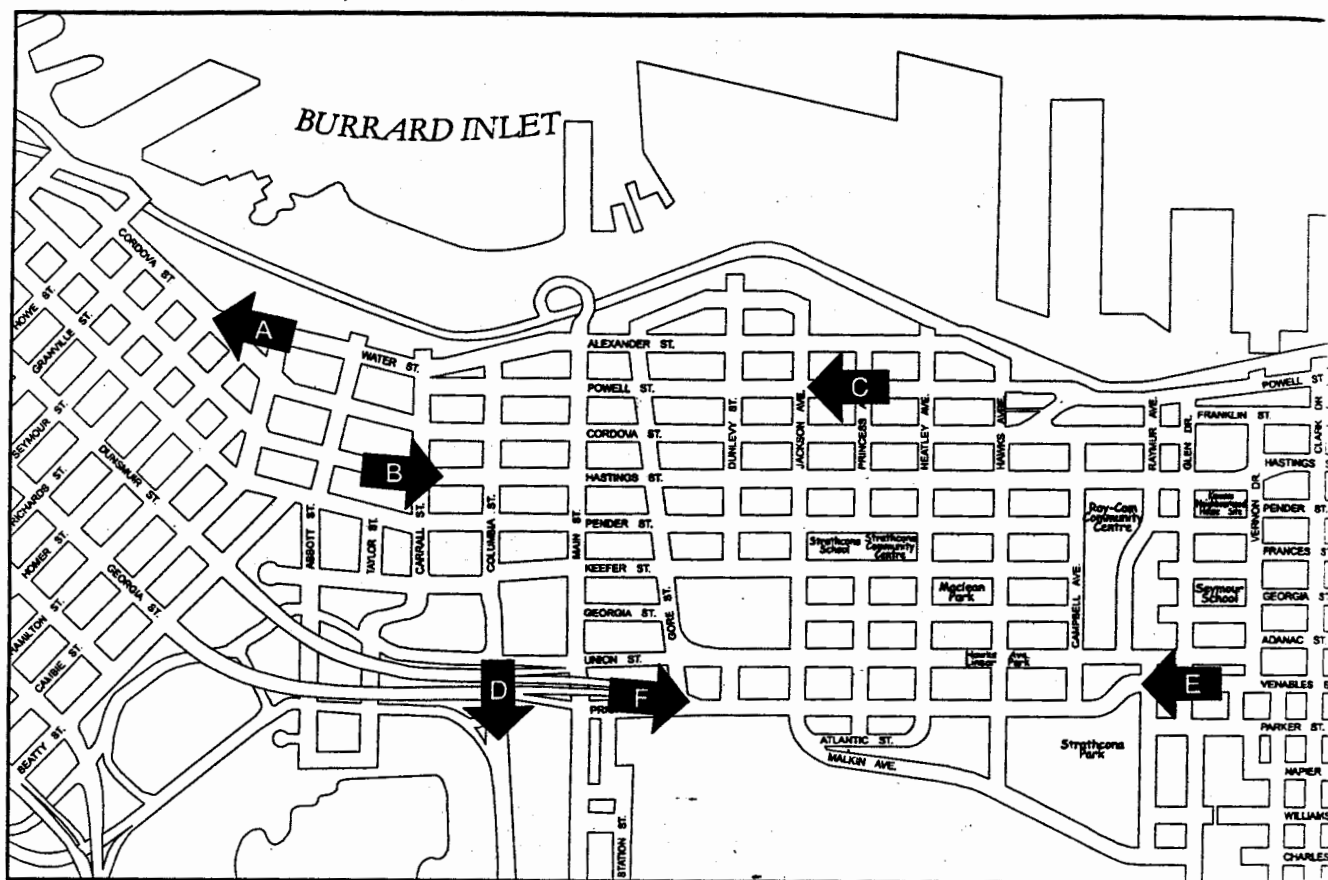


Downtown Eastside Community Health Clinic (Number of Patient Visits by Gender)



Source: Vancouver Regional Health Board

Traffic Flows



Street	1989	1990	1991	1993	1995	1996	1997
A Water Street @ Richards - Westbound	9,021	12,373	11,964	13,915	N/A	15,105	N/A
B Hastings @ Columbia - Eastbound	13,656	13,726	13,680	12,356	13,110	11,748	13,970
C Powell @ Jackson - Westbound	14,378	15,950	16,663	16,207	15,151	N/A	15,787
D Quebec @ Prior - Southbound	12,222	12,373	11,100	11,664	11,136	13,312	14,807
E Venables @ Glen - Westbound	13,335	13,246	13,757	14,352	N/A	14,870	N/A
F Georgia Viaduct - East of Prior Eastbound	11,130	11,292	11,209	12,207	12,711	12,691	12,263

These figures represent an average weekday traffic count at each location.

Source: Engineering Department, City of Vancouver