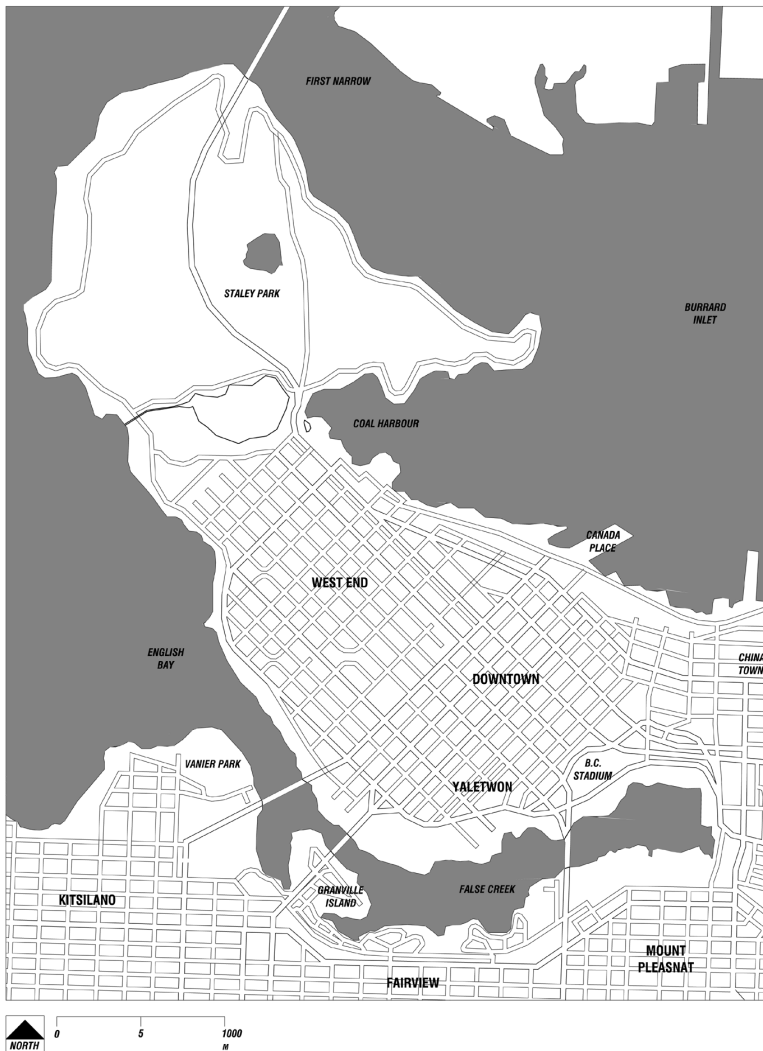


suffered from political fragmentation and the fact of highways at the water's edge. What is interesting about these two conditions is the commitment to quality and the acknowledgement of the water as a resource for the city.

The Vancouver context

Since Expo'86, Vancouver has been carefully and strategically remaking itself. Its waterfront redevelopment efforts are the focus of considerable international interest. Other cities look to it as a model and seek to understand how it has been able to implement innovative high-quality, high-density housing, streetscapes and public spaces along its waterfront. Its location has allowed it to benefit from the explosive growth in Asia, which has led to a significant increase in population and, with it, the availability of capital for development. Despite being located on a small peninsula, the



2.2 Map of Vancouver waterfront.