

Posh *Canada Place*
is located on a
small peninsula
Northwest of
DTES

Canada Place



East Vancouver

*East Side or East Van
or the East End or
Down Town East Side
(DTES)*



Downtown Eastside, Vancouver, BC

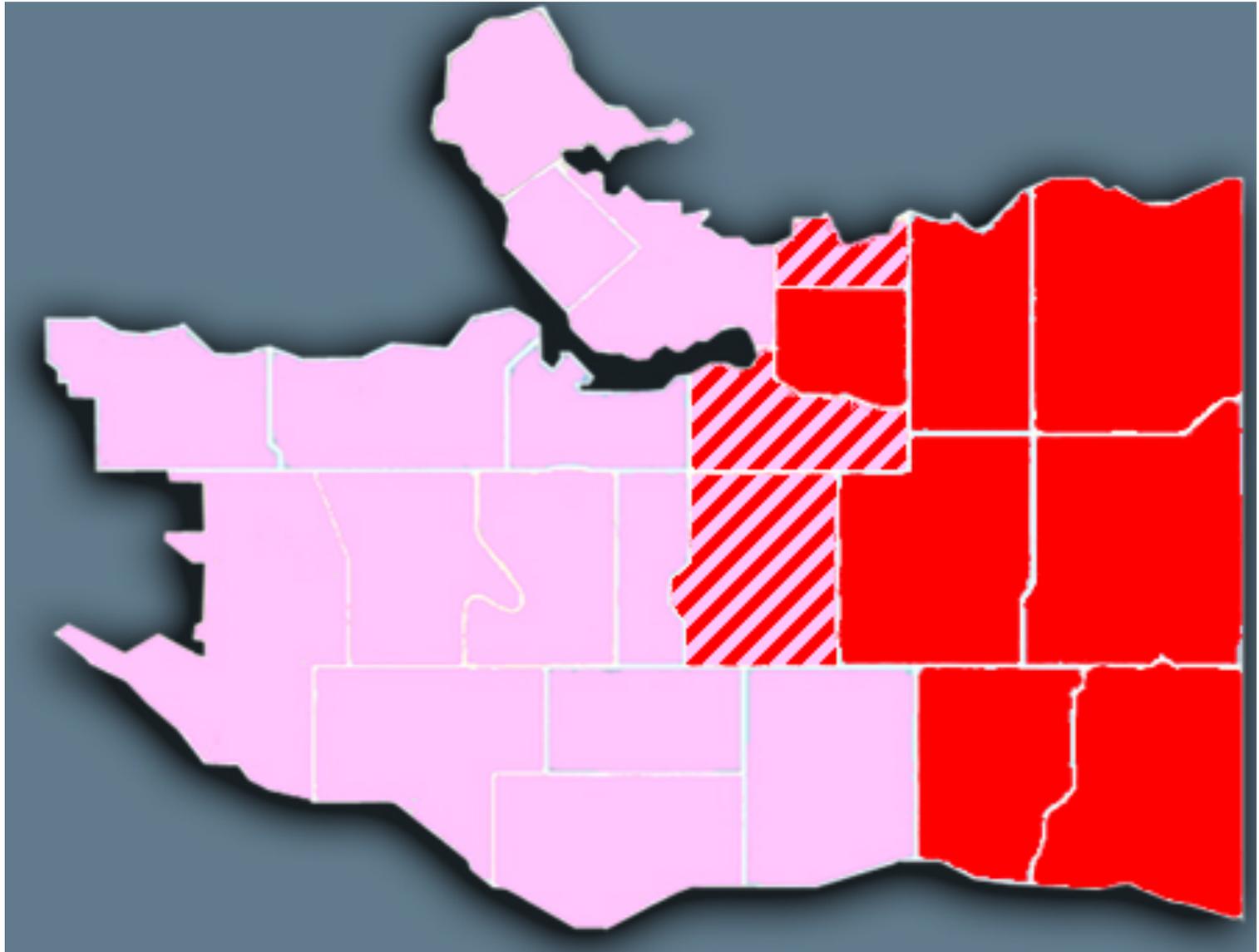
- *Down Town East Side* is probably the poorest or one of the poorest areas in Canada, and is known as *Canada's poorest postal code*
- Canada's first drug prohibition law originated in Downtown Eastside in 1907
- Downtown Eastside is home to a *century* of drug trade

General Downtown Vancouver Area

- Bordered to the north by the Fraser River
- In relation to McWhirter's novel, *Skank*, notice the location of Kitsilano



East Vancouver area (in red)



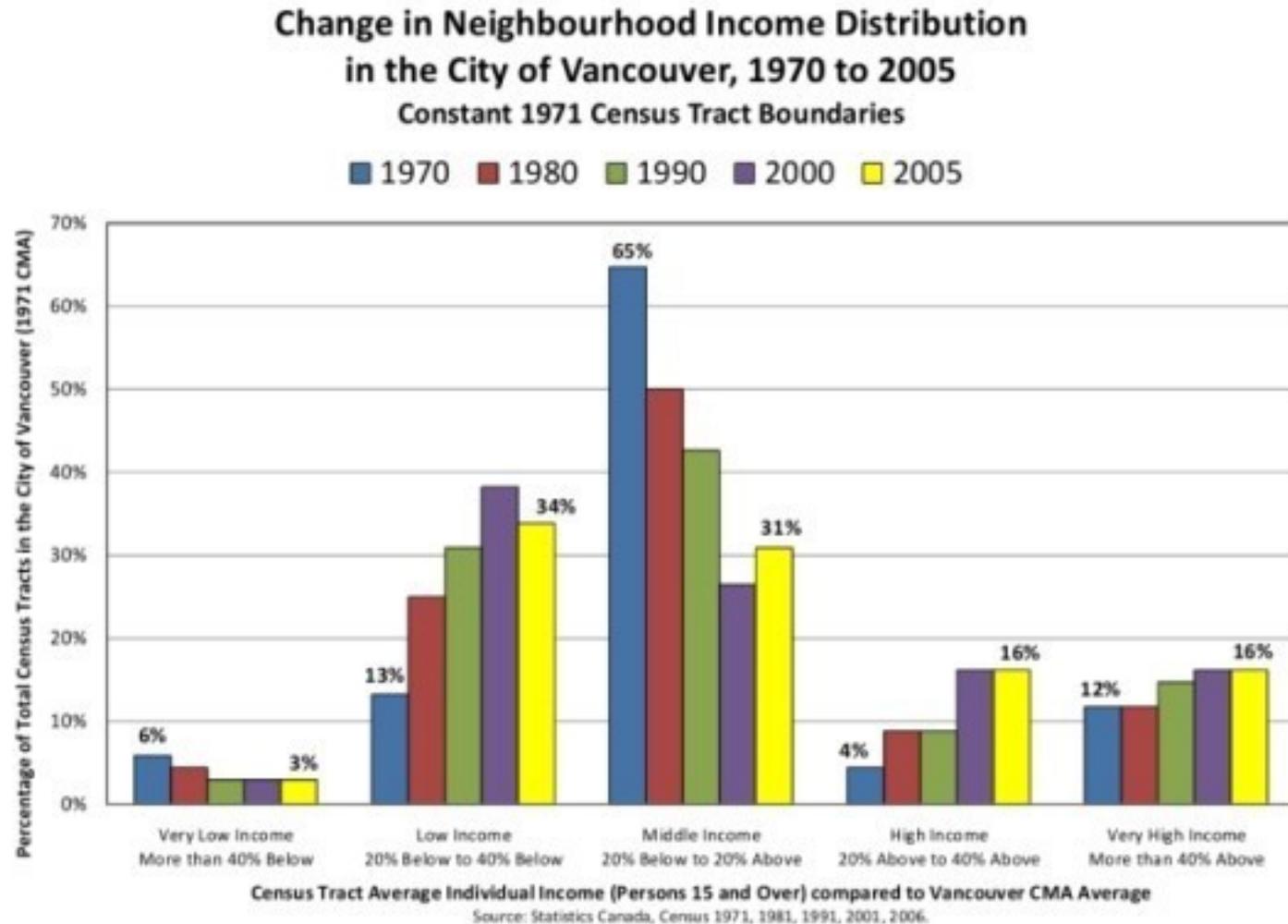
Vancouver: Ethnicities

People communities and demographics change and vary in the different vicinities within Vancouver



Vancouver: Income

- Lifestyle and income differences over the years



DTES Community Identity & Politics

- DTES is a politically *Left leaning*, urban neighbourhood, with diverse ethnicities and a vibrant artistic presence
- Two communities are part of East Vancouver and are referred to on their own and separately *Downtown Eastside* and *Chinatown*



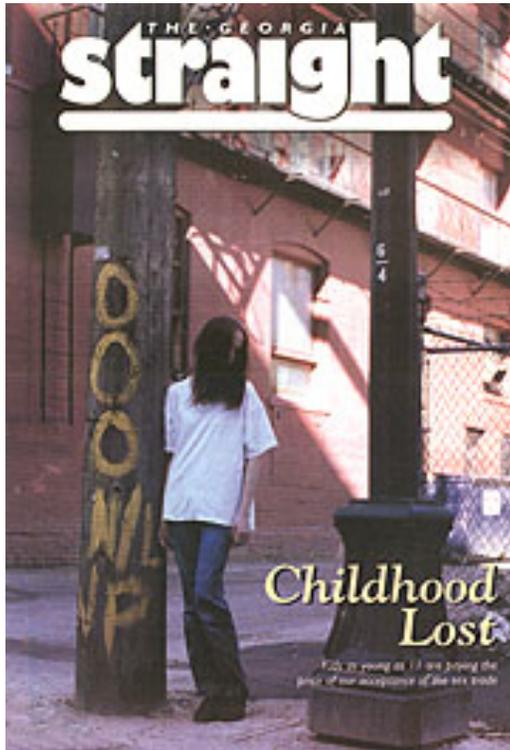
Landscape: *Oppenheimer Park*, East Van

- Has been beautified,
but still there
remains problems
with drugs



Landscape: *Kiddie Stroll*, East Van

- Journal articles state that police services are trying to rescue children being sold for sex. *Kiddie Stroll* is online and always open for business.

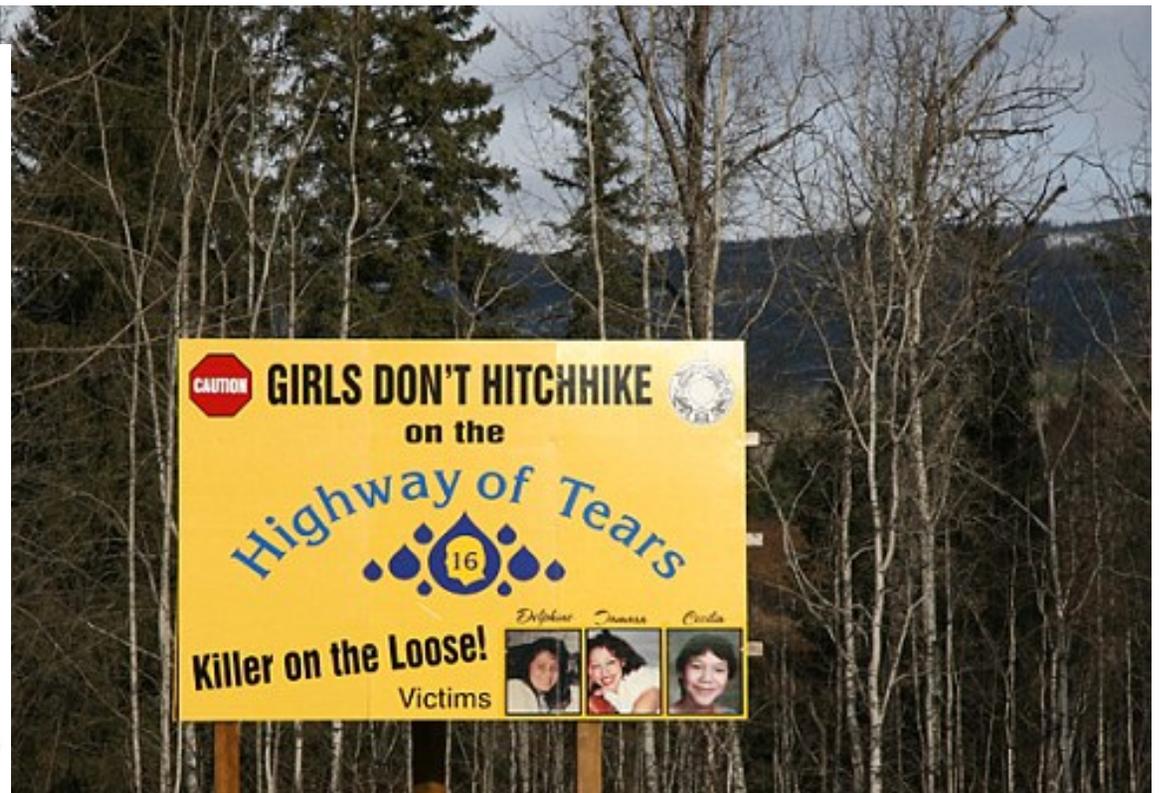


BC's Vulnerable People

- In DTES the *gender* split is a strong 60% male and 40% female (2006)
- Just over half the people living in DTES are over 45; the DTES has a high percentage of *seniors* (2006)
- 10% of the DTES population is *First Nations*, whereas 2% of Vancouver City's population is First Nations (2006)
- The proportion of *children* living in DTES is 44.6% compared with 19.2% in Vancouver city (2006)

Vulnerability: Highway of Tears

- Unsolved murders of young women along an 800 km section of Hwy 16 between Prince George and Prince Rupert, BC



Highway of Tears: Politics

- There are numerous municipalities and 23 *First Nations* communities that border the Highway of Tears
- This area is plagued with *poverty* and lack of public transportation
- With a *lack of transportation*, occupants are forced to hitchhike
- Many of the victims who disappeared are *teenagers*, live a *great distance* from the highway, and are *aboriginal* descent (connection between DTES and Highway of Tears missing persons)

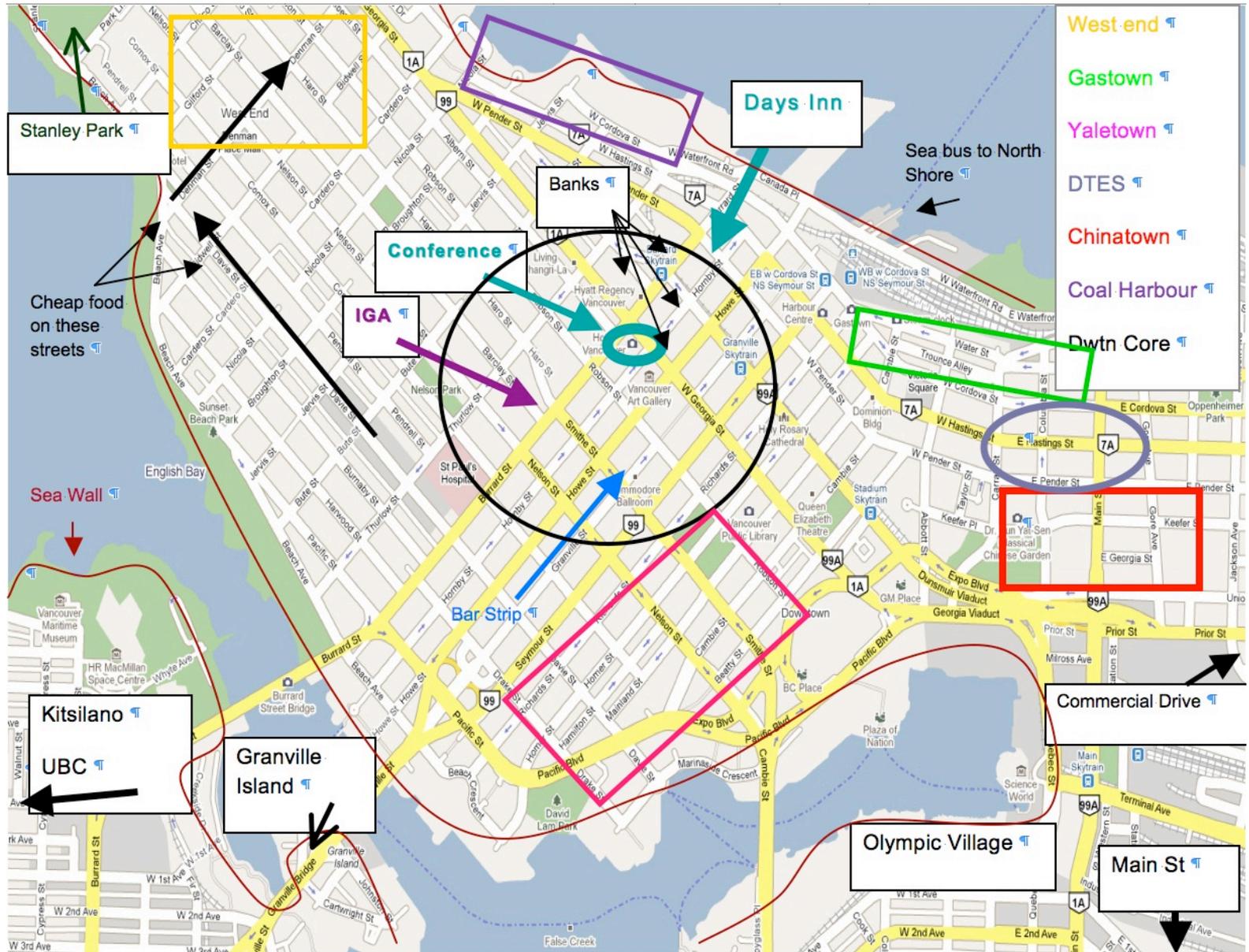
Landscape: East Vancouver High Schools



The schools in East Van tend to be like any other school; the socio-economic status is generally lower

Landscape & revitalization: Gastown

DTES
= Downtown East Side
East side



Gastown: Old Spaghetti Factory House

Old *Crack town* was remodeled - in an effort to create urban renewal; it was called *Gastown*; it's now a pricey trendy tourist area



In an effort to help others and relieve some economic and emotional stress, *Union Gospel* serves community meals to many of East Vancouver's vulnerable residents

Compassion: Gospel Mission

