FALSE CREEK SOUTH
Community Profile 2017
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Introduction

False Creek South is a unique community known as one of Vancouver’s pioneering waterfront communities for inner city living. It represents the best planning practices of the 1970s and 1980s, and remains a thriving and sought-after community today.

This Community Profile presents an overview of False Creek South’s transformation, highlighting key aspects of the neighbourhood and its residents. The document is intended to provide a starting place for dialogue about the future of the neighbourhood, helping to inform the City’s discussion with the community on various issues that will be addressed through the neighbourhood planning process. Data used in this Profile is primarily from Statistics Canada, which conducts a census study every 5 years.
Study Area

False Creek South is the area located between the Cambie and Burrard Street bridges on the south shore of False Creek, excluding Granville Island. The northern boundary of the study area is the Creek. The southern boundary runs: west from Cambie Street along West 6th Avenue to Hemlock Street; northward along West 4th Avenue; and under the Granville Street Bridge to West 2nd Avenue. At Fir Street, the study area boundary follows an arc (excluding the First Nations-owned lands) until it reaches the Burrard Bridge. The study area represents 55 hectares (136 acres) of land and currently has a resident population of approximately 5,597 people.

1 Reflects an exclusion of dissemination area (DA) 153687 from CT 0049.02 to be consistent with the study area boundary (2016 Statistics Canada Census)
The data in this Community Profile at large references Census tract (CT) 0049.02, which closely resembles the FCS Study Area boundary aside from a few variations.

CT 0049.02 includes an additional section at the far western edge of the study area (comprising land owned by the Squamish Nation) and the northern portion behind to West 1st Ave). Also included in the CT boundary is Granville Island, which is owned and managed by the Federal Government, and a two-block section east of Granville Street, between West 6th Ave, and West 4th Ave. None of these sites are included in the False Creek South Study Area.

The variation in the CT 0049.02 and FCS Study Area boundaries has a limited effect on population demographic data. The boundary variation does have an effect on employment data however, with the inclusion of sites zoned M-2 (Industrial) and C-2 (Commercial) on the far western edge of the census block.
The City of Vancouver owns most of the land (44 hectares or 80 percent) in the False Creek South study area (55 hectares), including nine hectares of park. The rest of the land is either privately owned or owned by other levels of government. The study area excludes Granville Island, which is owned and managed by the federal government.
Vancouver is situated on the unceded traditional homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

The False Creek area was heavily used for fishing, harvesting and hunting by these Nations. Each Nation had their own relationship to the area, including their own place names and uses for the lands and resources.

Vancouver is also home to First Nations, Métis and Inuit from across Canada, and Indigenous Peoples from around the world.

Industrial Development & Post-industrial Planning

With the arrival of the railway in the late 1800s, the False Creek landscape changed dramatically. Heavy industries such as lumber mills, shipyards, factories, and warehouses began to populate the shoreline. Industries declined in the 1960s, as the adverse impacts on both the environment and nearby neighbourhoods were recognized. In 1968, City Council initiated a planning process that would again redefine the False Creek South landscape. A land swap between the City and the provincial government was formalized in 1969, resulting in increased City ownership of lands on the south shore of False Creek and improving its development potential.

Planning for the redevelopment of False Creek South in the early 1970s led to the adoption of the False Creek Official Development Plan in November 1974. The area was built out in five phases between 1975 and 1989, per five Area Development Plans adopted between 1974 and 1982 (see map at right).

Between the mid-1970s and 1980s, the City of Vancouver and private landowners redeveloped the lands to create a highly livable neighbourhood that would attract families back to Vancouver’s inner city. The City required that all its land be leased, none of it sold, so that it would remain a long-term public asset.
False Creek South is a primarily residential neighbourhood, providing a diversity of housing for both renters and owners (including co-op owners). There is one standalone office building in the study area, and a number of mixed developments, including four mixed residential-commercial buildings. The study area contains nine hectares of park and three kilometres of seawall for recreational enjoyment. There are also three marinas in the area (two of them Vancouver Park Board marinas), providing moorage, storage, and other services for boaters.
False Creek South was designed to be a compact, self-sufficient and socially mixed community that would accommodate all household types, age levels and income groups. Key design principles included enclaves of clustered housing to promote social contact, and a hierarchy of open space linked by paths to a large public park.

The False Creek Official Development Plan (1974) set targets for household mix, and stated that the age mix and income mix should reflect that of the region (realized with one-third of units in housing co-ops, one-third non-market rental units, and one-third in leasehold strata title units).

Some original False Creek South Urban Design principles include:

**Neighbourhood Enclaves**: Arrange urban land to form many small enclaves of residential use, separated from one another by swaths of non-residential land (parks, schools, major pedestrian streets, commercial) which form the enclave boundaries. Make the enclaves really small, perhaps no more than 500 feet across.

**Pedestrian Activity Focus**: Create one major central place in each community where people can come together and orient themselves to the activities around. Make major pathways converge at this node and ensure that the highest and most public concentration of activities occurs here.

**Intercommunity Public Transit**: Existing rail right-of-way should be considered for an appropriate transit system.

**Adaptable Communities** to ensure that newly developed communities can adjust and change from within, as future needs are manifested. If unbuilt spaces or areas of relatively low density are maintained in the first development stages, subsequent change will be facilitated.

**Reference Points**: Shape development so that within a few moments of every point, one has a vista of a large natural amenity or some other urban reference point.

**Local Shop Every 1,500 feet** – wherever possible.
DEMOGRAPHICS
False Creek South makes up about 18 percent of the Fairview local area's population and one percent of the city's population. The median age, at 54, is significantly higher than the city's, at 41.

Residents whose mother tongue is English is much more predominant in False Creek South (76 percent) compared to the city overall (53 percent). False Creek South has a much lower proportion of residents whose mother tongue is Chinese (3 percent) compared to the city overall (22 percent).

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<td>Average size of household</td>
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* Based on Census Tract 0049.02 (2016), unless otherwise noted

1 Reflects an exclusion of dissemination area (DA) 153687 from CT 0049.02 to be consistent with the study area boundary (2016 Statistics Canada Census)
2 Includes Cantonese, Chinese (not otherwise specified), and Mandarin
3 Source: 2011 Statistics Canada Census data
4 Median total income of households
5 Prevalence of low income in 2015 based on after-tax low-income measure; households spending more than 20% of their income on necessities (food, shelter, and clothing) than the average family does
6 Source: 2011 Statistics Canada Census data

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census
Population

The first phase of development in False Creek South occurred in the late 1970s, with the area building out throughout the 1980s. Accordingly, the False Creek South population rose sharply until 1991 and has remained largely stable since then. The 2016 Census recorded a population of 5,597 in False Creek South (one percent of the city’s population).

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False Creek South is located in the local area of Fairview. Fairview's population density (people per hectare) is above average compared to other neighbourhoods outside the central area of Vancouver and compared to the city overall.
Population Change from 2011 - 2016 (%)

There were an additional 2,180 more residents in Fairview between 2011 and 2016 (7.8 percent of the city’s population growth).

Source: 2011-2016 Statistics Canada Census data
Social Mix Objectives

One of the key objectives in the redevelopment of False Creek South was to create a socially mixed community. The False Creek Official Development Plan set targets for household mix, and stated that the age mix and income mix should reflect that of the region. Currently, there are 5,597 people living in False Creek South with:

- A distribution of population 45 years and older at 61 percent compared with Metro Vancouver at 44 percent;
- Household incomes generally reflecting those in Metro Vancouver; and
- A greater proportion of high income households and slightly smaller proportion of low income households than in the city of Vancouver.

Age Mix

The distribution of population 45 years of age and older is higher in False Creek South at 61 percent, compared to Metro Vancouver, at 44 percent. Conversely, the population distribution for younger (0-19) age groups is lower in False Creek South compared to Metro Vancouver.

2016 Population by Age Group

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<td>20-44</td>
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<td>65+</td>
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Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census data

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1 Reflects an exclusion of dissemination area (DA) 153687 from CT 0049.02 to be consistent with the study area boundary (2016 Statistics Canada Census)
2 Based on Census Tract 0049.02
Age Distribution

Over time, the proportion of younger adults in False Creek South has decreased as the age composition of older adults has increased. As demonstrated by the age structure of False Creek South over time, there is an unequal distribution across age groups with a current emphasis on aging.

Age Profile

The False Creek South population is aging, as seen by the population distribution change among age groups between 1981 and 2016. In 2016, 63 percent of the population was within the 45 and older age groups – a much higher proportion compared to the city (43 percent) and Metro Vancouver* (44 percent) overall.

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1 Based on Greater Vancouver, Regional District (Census division)
* Based on Census Tract 0049.02
Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census data
The False Creek Official Development Plan (1974) set out targets for household mix in the community. The chart below shows these targets and the actual proportion of population represented by each household metric over time (census data).

The Official Development Plan also included a target for Senior Families at 15 percent. However, there is no data to assess the current or historical proportions, as ‘senior families’ is not a metric profiled in the census.

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Source: Statistics Canada Census data (based on False Creek South City-owned and non City-owned custom study area census profiles between 1981 and 2016)
Household Mix - Trends Over Time

Families With Children
From 1981 to 2001, the proportion of families in False Creek South exceeded the families with children target, but has been declining since 1986. As reported in the 2016 Census, families with children now make up 23 percent of households in False Creek South, 2 percent below the target of 25 percent.

Couples, No Children
Couples with no children have been growing steadily in False Creek South, rising from 19 percent of households in 1981 to 30 percent in 2016. Couples with no children have exceeded the target of 25 percent since 2001 when it reached 27 percent, up from 24 percent in 1996.

Singles
The proportion of singles in False Creek South has exceeded the target of 35 percent since first reported in the 1981 Census at which point singles made up 38 percent of all households. Since then the proportion of singles climbed to 46 percent of households in 2006 decreasing to 43 percent in 2016, 9 percent above the target.

Seniors
The target for Senior Families in False Creek South is 15 percent. This chart represents individual seniors (65+ in age) in False Creek South, the city of Vancouver, and Metro Vancouver. In 1981, the proportion of seniors in False Creek South was 10 percent and rose to 30 percent in 2016; meanwhile the Metro Vancouver proportion has been fairly stable, rising from 12 percent in 1981 to 15 percent in 2016.

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census Custom Data Order
In 2016, False Creek South generally maintained similar household income group proportions with Metro Vancouver. When compared with the city of Vancouver, False Creek South has a greater proportion of higher income households, and a smaller proportion of lower income households.

**Income Groups**

2016 Household Income Mix

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<th>Middle ($40,000 - $99,999)</th>
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1 Based on Census Tract 0049.02
2 Metro Vancouver based on Greater Vancouver, Regional District [Census division]

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census data
School Enrollment

The official capacity for False Creek Elementary is 240 students. As of September 30, 2016, there were 278 students enrolled.
Employment

Within the False Creek South study area, there are nearly 300 individual businesses, which provide approximately 1,800 jobs. The top employer is Central 1 Credit Union (1441 Creekside Drive), with 400 employees (Dunn and Bradstreet, 2012).

### Job Type Held by FCS Residents (Jobs not necessarily within FSC)

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census data
Buildings in False Creek South

There are 40 residential buildings and one live-aboard housing co-op in False Creek South, comprised of a total of 3,258 housing units.
False Creek South was designed and developed with a unique residential housing profile. Mixed-income housing accommodates a broad spectrum of income levels and age groups, with an emphasis on family housing. Tenure types are diverse, and include non-market social housing, market rental housing, co-operative housing, and strata leasehold.
### Housing Mix: False Creek South

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<td># Units</td>
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Source: City of Vancouver Housing Inventories

### Overall Housing Mix

In False Creek South, rental units (both market and non-market) comprise 38% of total housing units, which is higher than in the city overall (33%). The majority of non-market social and co-operative housing exists on City land (836 units vs. 106 units on non-City land). All other housing units include community care facilities, special needs housing, strata leasehold housing, and live-aboard co-operative housing.

**Notes:**
1. **Social housing** is defined as rental housing secured by a housing agreement or other legal commitment and owned by a non-profit corporation, or by or on behalf of the city, the Province of British Columbia, or Canada. Individual renters in these buildings can pay rents ranging from the shelter component of Income Assistance, to 30% of their income, up to market rents. The affordability and tenant mix vary.
2. **Co-operative housing** is a form of shared ownership where a legal association of members collectively act as a leaseholder with the City.
3. **Community care facilities / special needs housing** is defined as non-profit operated residential facilities providing residential care to people who have complex care needs or require assistance to live semi-independently.
4. **Rental housing** is purpose built apartment buildings that were built to be rented in the private market. Through regulations, they cannot be separated and sold as separate strata units.
5. **Strata leasehold housing** is a type of property where the City is the leasehold landlord and the strata lot leaseholder purchased the improvements on the land and the exclusive rights to live on it for the term of the lease.
6. **Live aboard co-operative housing** comprises of residents who own their own live-aboard boats and acquire moorage at the co-operative live-aboard marina operated by the Greater Vancouver Floating Home Co-Op (GVFHC).
60% of all the residential units in False Creek South are on City of Vancouver land and leased either to non-profit or for-profit housing operators, or directly to the residents occupying the property in the form of long-term ground leases.
Construction Over Time

The vast majority of housing units in False Creek South were constructed before the 1990s with all but 3 units on City land being built in the 1970s and 1980s. Approximately 228 housing units in stratified projects were constructed across False Creek South after 1990.

False Creek South On City Land: Units Built Over Time

False Creek South On Non-City Land: Units Built Over Time

Source: City of Vancouver Development Permit Summary Information
Building Form

The most common residential building form in False Creek South is apartments, with an almost even split between apartments 5 storeys and greater (46%) and apartments 4 storeys and below (45%). Notably, False Creek South does not contain any single family dwellings.

On City land, there is a higher proportion of apartments below 4 storeys (48%) than above 5 storeys (36%). On non-City land, there is a smaller proportion of apartments below 4 storeys (42%) compared to above 5 storeys (59%).

Dwelling Units by Building Form

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<td>48%</td>
<td>42%</td>
<td>45%</td>
<td>38%</td>
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<td>Semi-detached, duplex, and row houses</td>
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Source: 2011 National Household Survey and 2016 Census of Population, Statistics Canada

Note: Housing counts above exclude single detached dwellings
Dwelling Units by Building Type

More than half (60%) of all occupied dwellings in False Creek South are two bedroom units. Approximately, 1,570 units (91%) out of the total two-bedroom units exist in mid- or high-rise apartments. One bedroom units existing in mid- or high-rise apartments is the next most common unit type with 830 units (29%). Only 10% of all occupied units consist of 3 bedrooms or more in False Creek South compared to 33% of all occupied units city-wide.

Total Occupied Dwelling Units by Building Form

Source: 2011 Statistics Canada Census
Number of Bedrooms and Household Type

The majority of families in False Creek South live in 2 bedroom units. The majority of these households are couples without children. These households have limited options to downsize into smaller units given that 1 bedroom units make up less than half (29%) of all occupied dwellings in False Creek South.

Total Dwelling Units by Unit Type

- **No bedroom**: 11%
- **1 bedroom**: 30%
- **2 bedrooms**: 20%
- **3 bedrooms**: 7%
- **4 or more bedrooms**: 5%

Source: 2011 National Household Survey, Statistics Canada
Household Types Living in False Creek South

The mix of household types in False Creek South has not varied considerably in the last 25 years, which is reflective of a constant unit mix, as a result of no new housing being built since the 1990s.

Source: 2016 Statistics Canada Census
Market Rental Vacancy Rate

In 2017, the market rental vacancy rate for the South Granville/Oak market rental zone encompassing False Creek South was 0.7%. From 2008 to 2017 the vacancy rate averaged 0.77%, which was slightly lower than Vancouver overall at 0.83%.

The vacancy rate in the City of Vancouver and the South Granville/Oak has remained below 2.0% over the last 10 years fluctuating as low as 0.2% in 2008 and as high as 1.4% in 2010. A vacancy rate of 3-5% is considered to be a healthy balance between supply and demand.
Affordability

In False Creek South on City land, 28% of households that rent their dwellings spend more than 30% of their income on housing, compared to 35% of households that rent in False Creek South on non-City land. The percentage of renter households spending more than 30% of their income on housing in False Creek South on non-City land is almost the same as the percentage of renters doing so city-wide.

In False Creek South on City land, 20% of households in strata leasehold units spend more than 30% of their income on housing, compared to 15% of households that own in False Creek South on non-City land. The percentage of owner households spending more than 30% of their income on housing in False Creek South on either City land or non-City land is less than owner households doing so city-wide.

*According to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the cost of adequate shelter should not exceed 30% of household income.
Incomes

In False Creek South on City Land and non-City Land, the median income of all types of households is higher than Vancouver overall, except for couple families with children. The median income for all households in False Creek South on City Land is 13% higher than Vancouver and the median income for all households in False Creek South on non-City Land is 20% higher than Vancouver.

Household Incomes and Affordable Rents

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Source: Census 2016, Statistics Canada
Built Form

False Creek South is comprised mainly of low and mid-rise buildings. Generally, the earlier phases to the east and west of Charleson Park (i.e., Spruce and Heather Neighbourhood) have lower buildings and less density, and later phases further out have taller buildings and greater density. The tallest developments in the area are located on the far western edge of the study area, with Central 1 Credit Union at 37 metres, and Harbour Cove at 35 metres.

False Creek South was designed to create neighbourhood enclaves, with residential uses separated from one another by swaths of non-residential land comprised of parks, schools, major pedestrian streets, and commercial uses.

Neighbourhoods are shaped to be elliptical with courtyards in the centre, with the length never more than twice the width. These courtyards are important to the identity of the area, and provide pathways for accessing amenities.

The design principles of the era theorized by authors such as Jane Jacobs and Christopher Alexander are embedded throughout the neighbourhood, with buildings that provide opportunities for socialization and a sensitive scale. Integration with nature assists in providing opportunities for both residents and non-residents alike to be active and healthy. A mixed-use form of development contributes to the walkability of the area, with retail areas such as Granville Island and Olympic Village within close proximity.
Floor Space Ratio (False Creek South Study Area)
Floor Space Ratio (Surrounding Context)
Building Heights (Number of Storeys)

LEGEND
- Area Boundary
- Street
- Park
- Transit Station

Note: Numbers indicate building height in storeys

Building Height
- 27.01+ metres
- 21.01 to 27.0 metres
- 15.01 to 21.0 metres
- 10.01 to 15.0 metres
- 9.01 to 10.0 metres
- Under 9.0 metres
Community amenities such as childcare facilities, community spaces, indoor arts and culture spaces, and recreation facilities are essential in realizing the vision of a healthy, connected, and complete neighbourhood. A variety of community amenities are currently situated both within False Creek South (FCS) as well as just outside the area boundaries in neighbouring communities, including a school, licensed childcare and some special needs residential facilities. A wealth of cultural, social and recreational opportunities are situated in the western portion of FCS on Granville Island, including the False Creek Community Centre. The eastern portion of FCS has somewhat less access to the same types of community amenities.
Transportation Network

The transportation network in False Creek South has been built around many of the unique features of the neighbourhood such as False Creek and the former CP right-of-way. Along the waterfront, the Seaside Greenway (Seawall) is a popular route for people walking and cycling and provides strong connections to community amenities and public spaces. Other walking and cycling routes within the neighbourhood help complete the network and provide options for people making recreational and commuter trips.

Similarly, local transit like the number 50 and 84 buses provides local service while the Canada Line and 99 B-Line on Broadway provides rapid transit service to other parts of the city and region.

Water transportation is one of the unique transportation options available to False Creek South. Private ferries provide service along and across False Creek. The waters are also active with people boating, kayaking, canoeing and more!

Given the location of False Creek South, traffic calming has been implemented in many parts of the neighbourhood to maintain vehicle access to residents and deter high volumes of vehicular traffic from travelling through a mainly residential neighbourhood.
Mobility and Access

Legend

- Area Boundary
- Street
- Park
- Transit Station
- Bus Stops

Mobility and Access

- Canada Line
- Bus Routes
- Bikeways
- Ferry Routes
- Fully Actuated Signal
- Pedestrian Actuated Signal
- Semi Actuated Signal
- Access Points
Sustainable Transportation

The percentage of the population in False Creek South* travelling to work via a sustainable transportation mode is greater than the city of Vancouver. In False Creek South, 53 percent of trips to work are taken by walking, cycling, or transit, compared to the city at 50 percent. A larger percentage of the population in False Creek South, walk and cycle to work compared to the city overall.1

* Based on Census Tract 0049.02

Source: Census 2016, Statistics Canada