

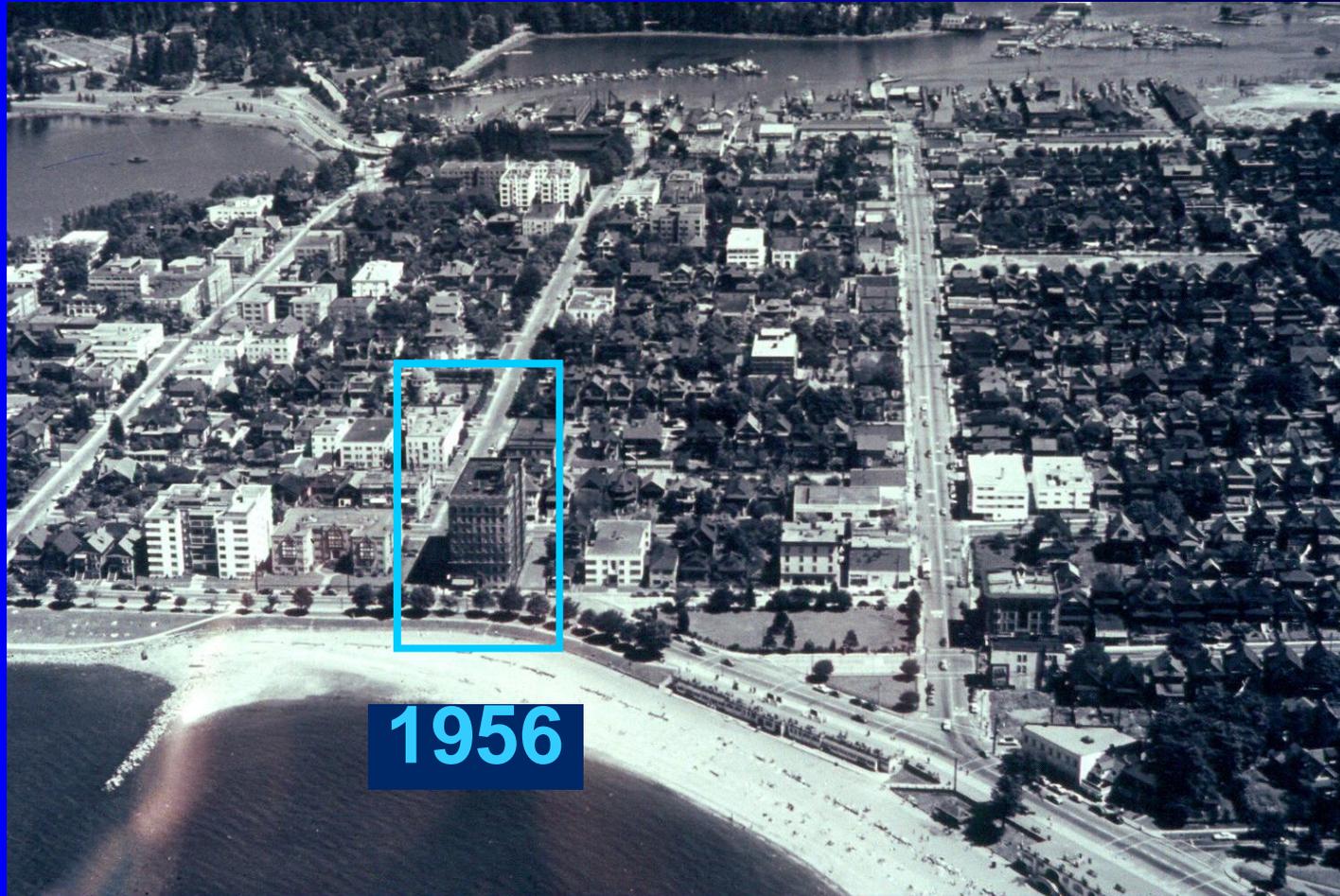


Choices and *Consequences*

How Decisions
Have Shaped A City

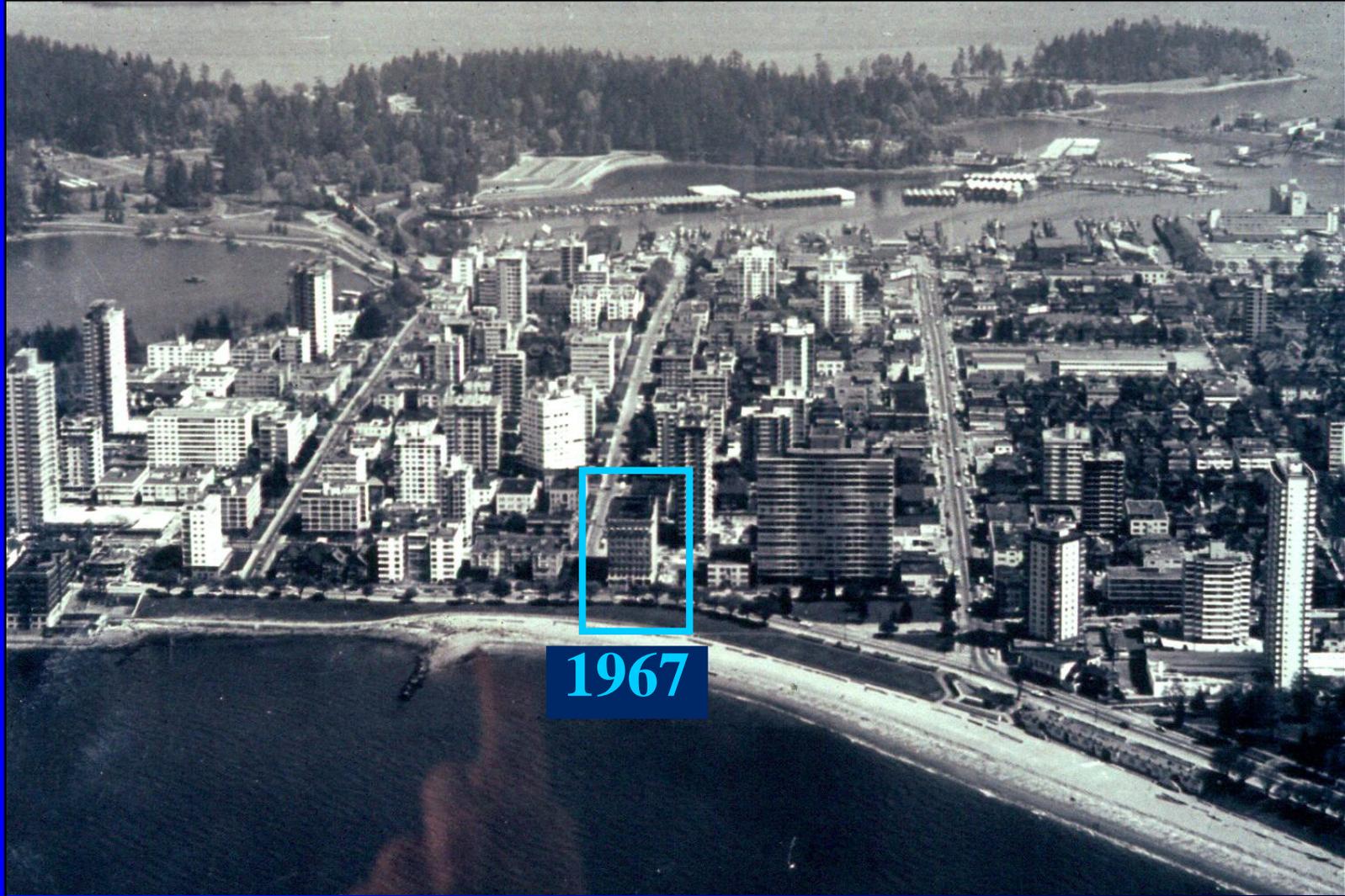
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Sylvia Hotel 1956



1956

Sylvia Hotel 1967



Sylvia Hotel 1972



1972





Burrard Street Bridge

1978



2011



- Defining moment of stopping the Waterfront Freeway, the 9-5 downtown and freeway and car city;

The TEAM Council takeover in 1972 and The Livable City and Region (early concept for a sustainable city), was probably when Vancouver went from – the dominant dead downtown, sprawl suburbs, joined by freeways and cars, and redeveloped by a misplaced urban renewal fixation by the Brit city planners who dominated City Hall – to the Livable city and region.

When Vancouver marched to a different policy and planning concept than most rebuilding European cities, and American cities adopting the Bartholomew type of plan that LA followed, Vancouver adopted in 1931 -2 (but rejected in 1972).

In 1972-3 we fired the City Manager, Gerald Sutton Brown, the City Planner, Bill Graham and 6 of the 8 top planners. Then let go 5 of 15 department heads.

Proceeded over the next few years to hire Ray Spaxman (Director of Planning), Ann McAfee (as the Housing Planner – later Co-Director of Planning- City-wide), and Larry Beasley (as a local area planner – later Co-Director of Planning – Central Area).



Plus aggressively put in place the first GVRD Livable Region Plan.

