

## C. Site

### 1. Description of Site

EXPO 86 was built on a total of 70 hectares (173 acres) of urban waterfront on two downtown Vancouver sites. The largest section of EXPO 86 (67 hectares; 165 acres) wrapped around 4.5 km (2.8 miles) of shoreline along the north and east shores of False Creek. To the north, the Canada Pavilion covered a three-hectare (6 acre) pier reaching three-and-a-half city blocks out into Burrard Inlet.

The False Creek and Canada Pavilion sites were connected by a free, dedicated rapid transit (SkyTrain) link (four minutes one way); by intersite ferry and hovercraft routes and by a fleet of intersite buses. The distance between the sites was 1.2 km (0.7 miles).

#### FALSE CREEK

As part of the long-term re-development of the False Creek area, the once-grimy north and east shores were completely re-built and landscaped. For the Exposition, 9.5 hectares (23.6 acres) of decking were constructed over the water to provide space for pavilions, docks for demonstration vessels, and a continuous promenade for strolling visitors.

The False Creek site was located between two of the city's major north and south arteries, Main Street to the east and Granville Street to the west, and with the Trans-Canada Highway route leading to the heart of the City the Exposition was readily accessible.

Parking for more than 10 000 cars and 250 charter buses was located in the vicinity of the main site, with space for another 400 vehicles at the Canada Pavilion. An additional 25 000 spaces within a one-mile radius of the site were available through Imperial Parking Limited. The Vancouver International Airport is less than 30 minutes away by car or bus.

Two rapid transit (SkyTrain) stations led directly onto the Exposition grounds. The intercity bus terminal was also within walking distance of the site.

The city's historic rail terminal, located at the east end of the main site, was transformed by VIA RAIL, a corporate participant, into a pavilion celebrating rail transportation.

#### BURRARD INLET

The Canada Place complex on Burrard Inlet housed the Canada Pavilion and exhibits from several corporations. The building was designed with a nautical theme. The Prow, the restaurant on the seaward end, recalled the bow of a ship, while the suspended fabric roof over the trade and convention centre space -- which the pavilion occupied during the Exposition -- resembled a sailing ship under full canvas. A hotel and office complex on the shore-side end was built to resemble the superstructure of an ocean liner.