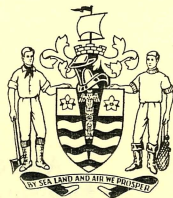
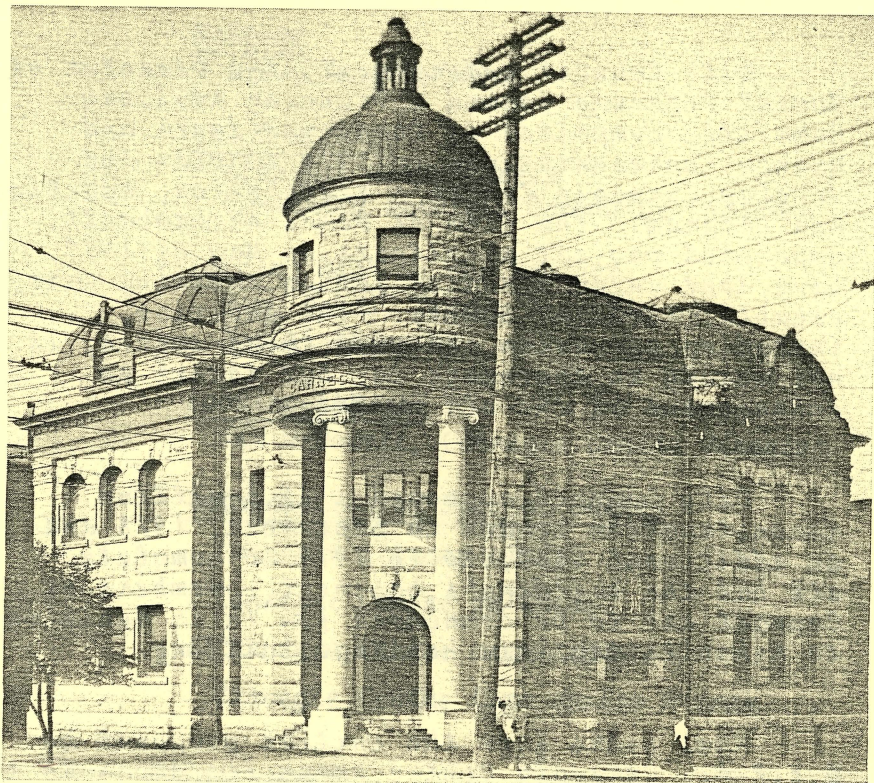


CARNEGIE CENTRE



401 Main Street, Vancouver, BC



GRAND OPENING

January 20, 1980

CARNEGIE CENTRE RESTORED

After 12 years of darkness, Carnegie Centre will once again light up and enliven the corner of Main and Hastings. Unoccupied since 1968, City Council agreed in 1975 to transform the former library and later museum into a community centre. A proposal by the Downtown Eastside Residents Association in 1975 provided the impetus for the Centre's restoration.

With Council endorsement, the Director of Social Planning formed a Planning Advisory Committee comprised of local residents and agency representatives in 1976 to plan and develop Carnegie Centre's restoration, addition and program. The firm of Downs-Archambault, appointed project architects in May of 1977, have done an outstanding job of creating warm, useable, interior spaces. The addition, including gymnasium and performing spaces, is not merely an appendage to, but rather an enhancement of the old building.

City Council approved a \$1.6 million reconstruction tender in September, 1978 and an additional \$150,000 in 1979 to complete all but the building's basement. Members of Council are to be commended for their decision to rehabilitate this heritage building.

Now, years from the initial proposal by D.E.R.A., Carnegie Centre opens its doors to all people living and working in the surrounding neighbourhoods. It offers education, recreation, library, performing arts and social programs as well as spaces for your enjoyment and well-being.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

1:00 P.M. - Doors open to public for informal tours
of the building

2:00 P.M. - Opening Ceremonies in the theatre

- Introduction

Libby Davies, Master of Ceremonies

- Welcome

Mayor Jack Volrich

- The Challenge

Alderman Harry Rankin

Community Services Committee Chairman

- Looking Back on the Project

Doug Purdy, Deputy Director of
Social Planning

- Looking Forward

Jim McDowell, Carnegie Centre Director

- Introduction of Special Guests

- . Carnegie Library staff
- . Carnegie Centre builders
- . Carnegie Centre architects
- . Carnegie Centre logo design winner

3:00 P.M. - Refreshments

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CARNEGIE CENTRE SERVICES

LIBRARY

- 7,000 popular paperbacks
- daily papers, magazines
- research assistance
- reading room, chess, lounge

RECREATION-CULTURAL

- gym sports
 - theatre events
 - exercise room
 - billiards
 - ping pong
 - table games
 - kitchen
 - arts-crafts
- (weekly schedules
to be posted)

EDUCATION

- English for "boat-people" (VCC)
- Cooking on a hot plate - men only (VSB)
- Nutrition for Indian women (VSB)
- Criminology 101, 152 (USF)

HOURS:

1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

CLOSED SATURDAY

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