

8th IHO MSDIWG Meeting Vancouver, Canada 31 January – 2 February 2017

Logistics Information

The 8th IHO MSDIWG Meeting will be hosted by the Canadian Hydrographic Service (CHS) of Fisheries and Oceans Canada in Vancouver, Canada, from 31 January-2 February 2017. As the organizer for the meeting, the CHS is pleased to welcome you to Vancouver and to provide the following logistical information. Please contact CHS if you need any additional information or assistance.

Logistics Questions:

Canadian Hydrographic Service

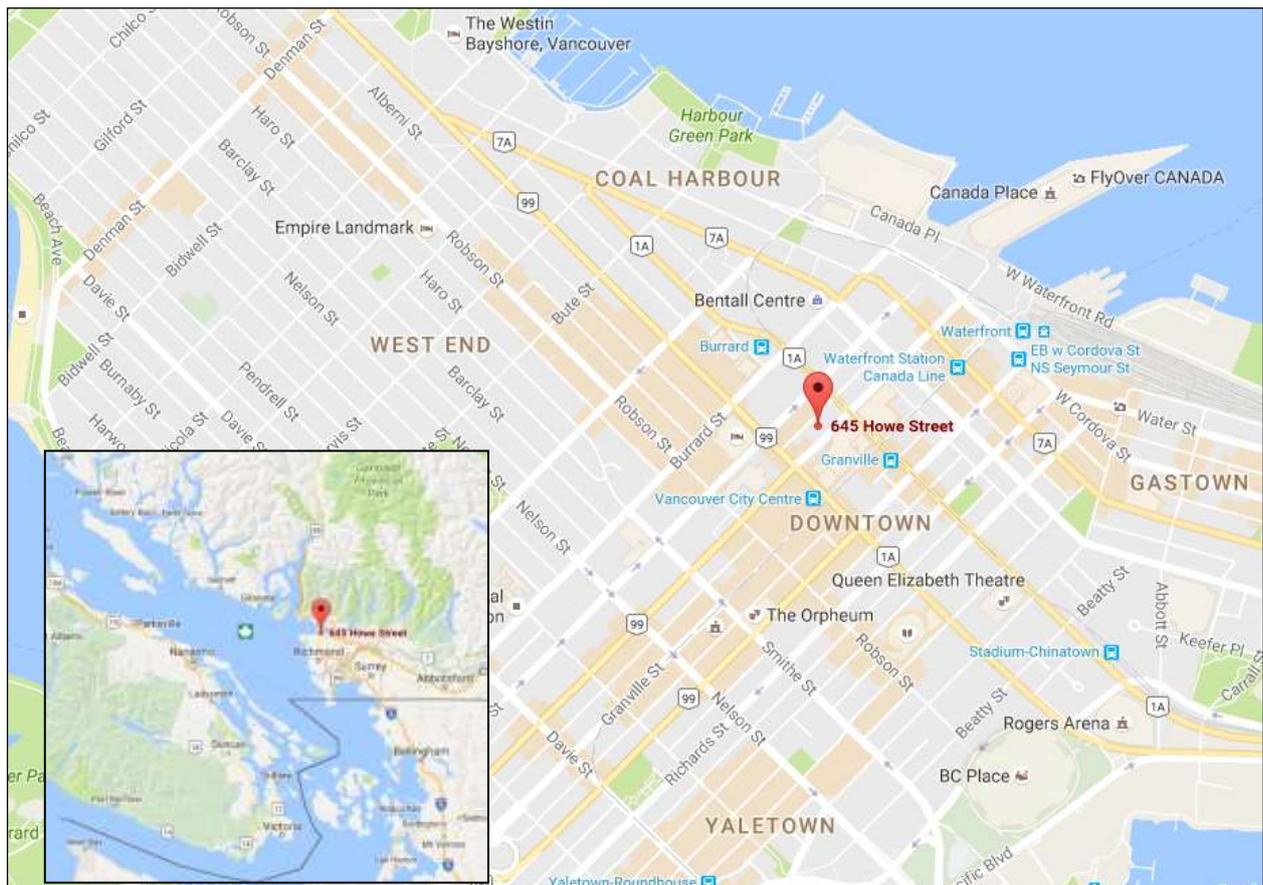
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Please indicate "MSDIWG" in the subject of your e-mail.

Meeting Place

Please refer to the map of downtown Vancouver below as well as the following information:



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The 8th IHO MSDIWG Meeting will be held on 31 January-2 February 2017 at **the Metropolitan Hotel**

Address: 645 Howe St, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada V6C 2Y9

URL: <http://metropolitan.com/vanc/>

Social Dinner

A non-hosted social evening will be set during the meeting. Further information will be made available at a later date.

Electronic Travel Authorization to enter Canada

To avoid any issues travelling to Canada it is important that you take the necessary time to fill out an eTA (Electronic Travel Authorization) in advance of your arrival. Please visit the following web site for instructions: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/visas.asp>

Accommodation

A block of rooms at an excellent preferred rate has been reserved at the Metropolitan Hotel. It is recommended that you book before December 22, 2016 to receive this special rate:

Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver
(near corner of Howe and West Georgia Streets)
645 Howe Street
Vancouver, British Columbia
CANADA V6C 2Y9

TEL: (604) 687-1122
FAX: (604) 602-7846
URL: <http://metropolitan.com/vanc/>
EML: reservations@van.metropolitan.com
RES: (800) 667-2300

It is imperative that individuals indicate they are part of the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Hydrographic Meeting when making reservations to receive their preferred rate.

At the time of booking, the reservation must be guaranteed. The guest must provide a credit card for the first nights room and tax. If the reservation is cancelled within 72 hours of arrival, one night's room and tax will be charged to the card on file.

After Thursday December 22, 2016, the Hotel will continue to accept reservations from attendees. However, after this date rooms will be subject to availability at prevailing rates.

Local Transportation

Airport Transportation

Many options are available to travel from the Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver. Please consult the following website for more information:
<http://www.yvr.ca/en/passengers/transportation>

Getting around in Vancouver:

- Travel and tourist information for Vancouver:
<https://www.tourismvancouver.com/>

- **TransLink** is Metro **Vancouver's** transportation network, serving residents and visitors with public**transit**, major roads, bridges and Trip Planning:
<http://www.translink.ca/>
- There are also numerous taxi companies that can easily be contacted once in Vancouver.

Other Information

Plug type

The electrical plug is type A, that is, two flat parallel blades. Electricity is 120V, 60Hz.



Climate in Vancouver

Vancouver has a moderate, ocean-side climate that is dry and warm in summer and rainy between October and March.

Snowfall is rare in winter, rain is more the norm. In February, the weather starts to warm up compared to January and is especially mild compared to the rest of Canada.

February average high: 7°C / 45°F

February average low: 1°C / 34°F