To  Councillor Harold Steves

I would like to add this to the next Parks and Recreation committee meeting for discussion . The city of Richmond has made a significant financial commitment to public art and I would like to know if those funds could be directed to include public art with a purpose other than just being art. The examples attached demonstrate how public art can be a meeting place, a resting place and maybe even a play place for children.

Please find attached some information about public art that is not only beautiful but has the dual purpose of providing a place to sit and relax.

Thanks very much Councillor

## Carol Day

# 'Urban Reef' wooden street furniture unveiled at Robson Street (PHOTOS)

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A new summertime street furniture installation, dubbed the 'Urban Reef', was unveiled earlier today at Robson Square.

The project is part of the the municipal government's VIVA Vancouver program that activates downtown Vancouver's Granville and Robson Streets with seasonal events, activities and installations.

'Urban Reef' was amongst the 78 entries submitted for the Robson Redux competition and selected through a public vote. The seating installation was created by Kaz Bremner, Jeremiah Deutscher, Michael Siy and Kenneth Navarra – a local team of architects, designers, and carpenters.
Upon selection in late-April 2014, the team was given a $40,000 honorarium to cover the costs of materials, fabrication, construction, installation, and de-installation for their projects.

Although this is the fourth installation for the 800 block of Robson Street, this marks the first time the design selection process was open to public competition.

The wooden furniture will be a fixture of Robson Street until September 1 when it is scheduled to be dismantled.

**Do you like the 'Urban Reef' wooden street furniture design?**
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Undecided
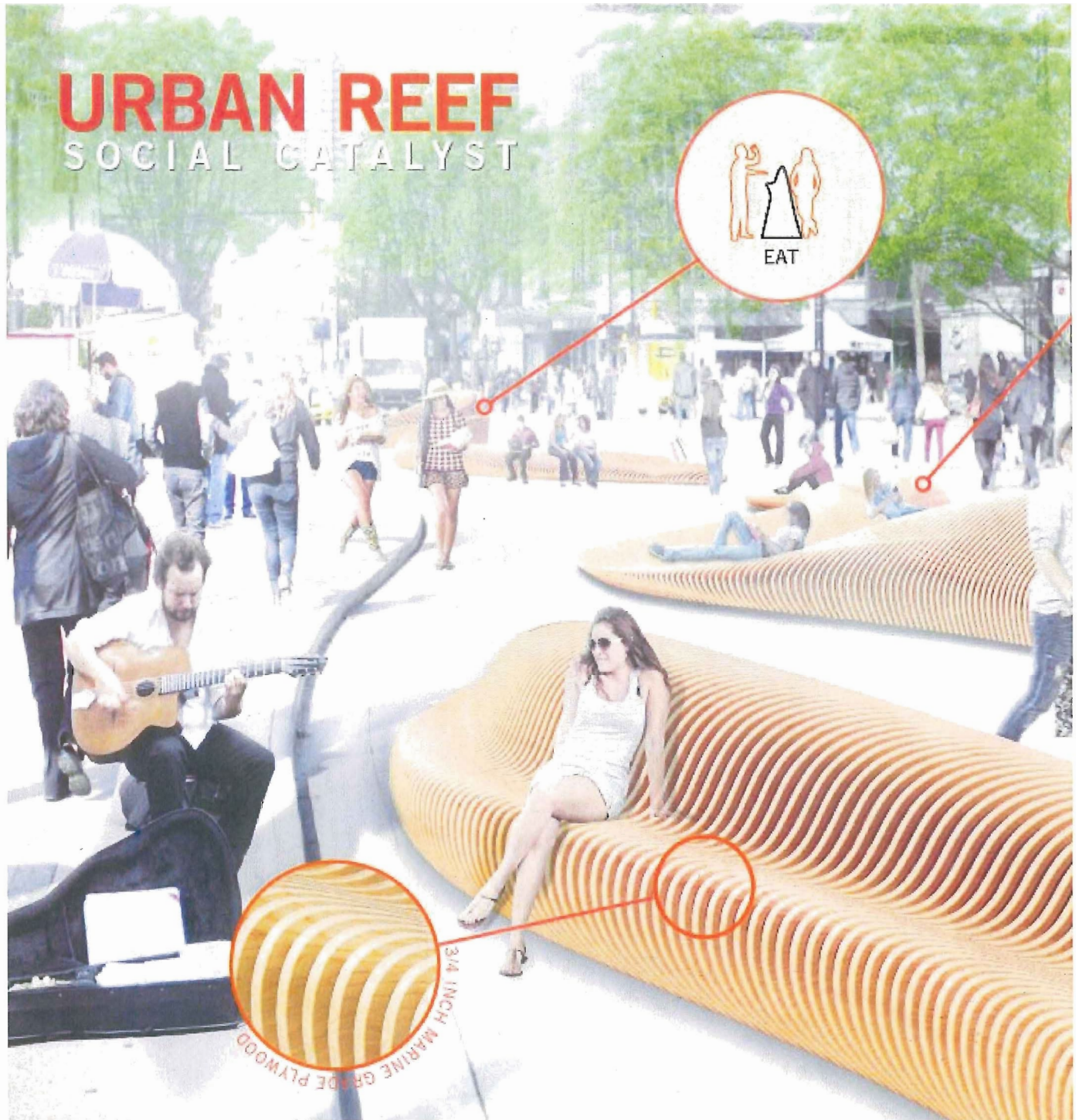Vote**View ResultsPolldaddy.com**


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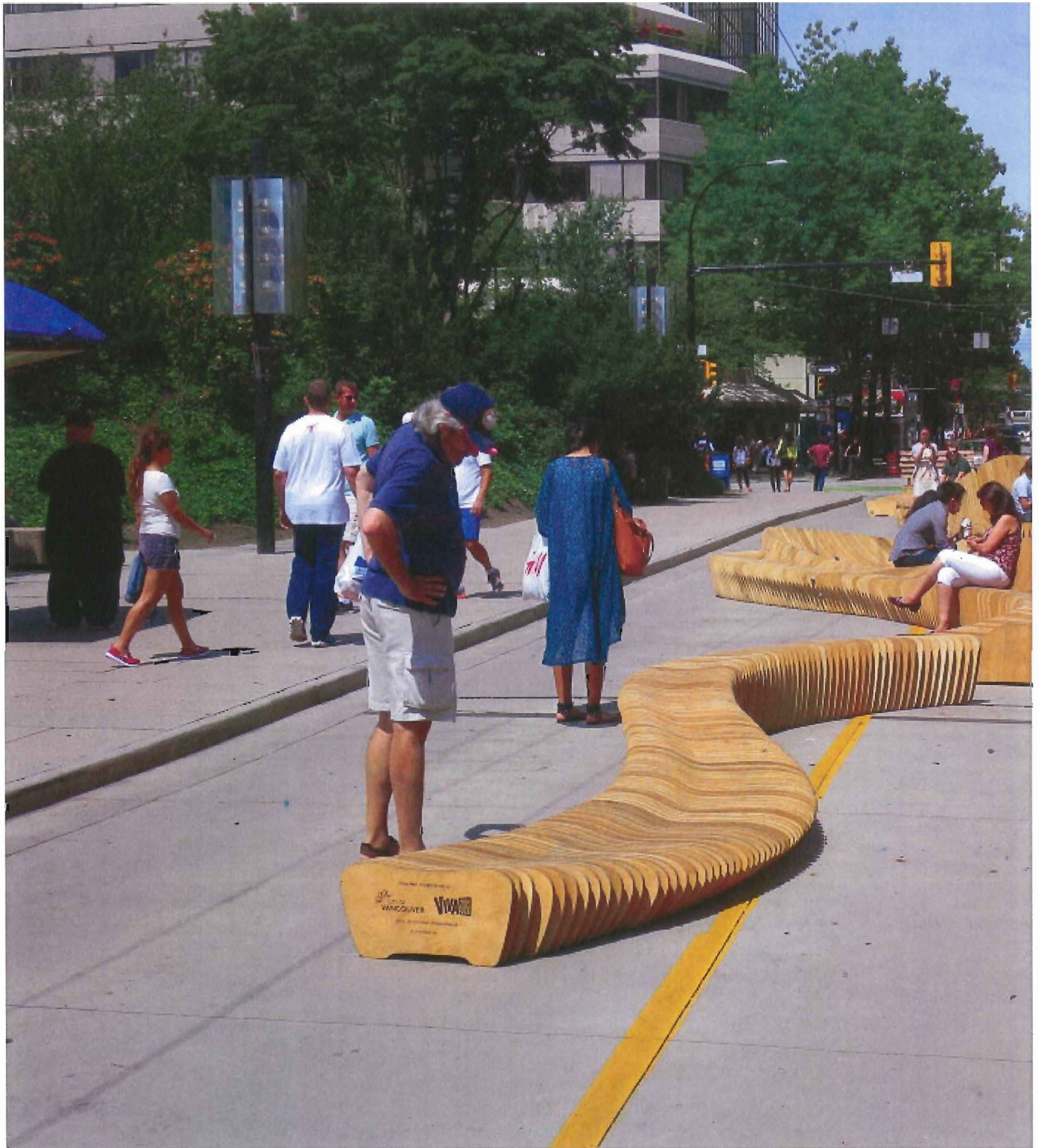Image: City of Vancouver

**Actual finished installation**

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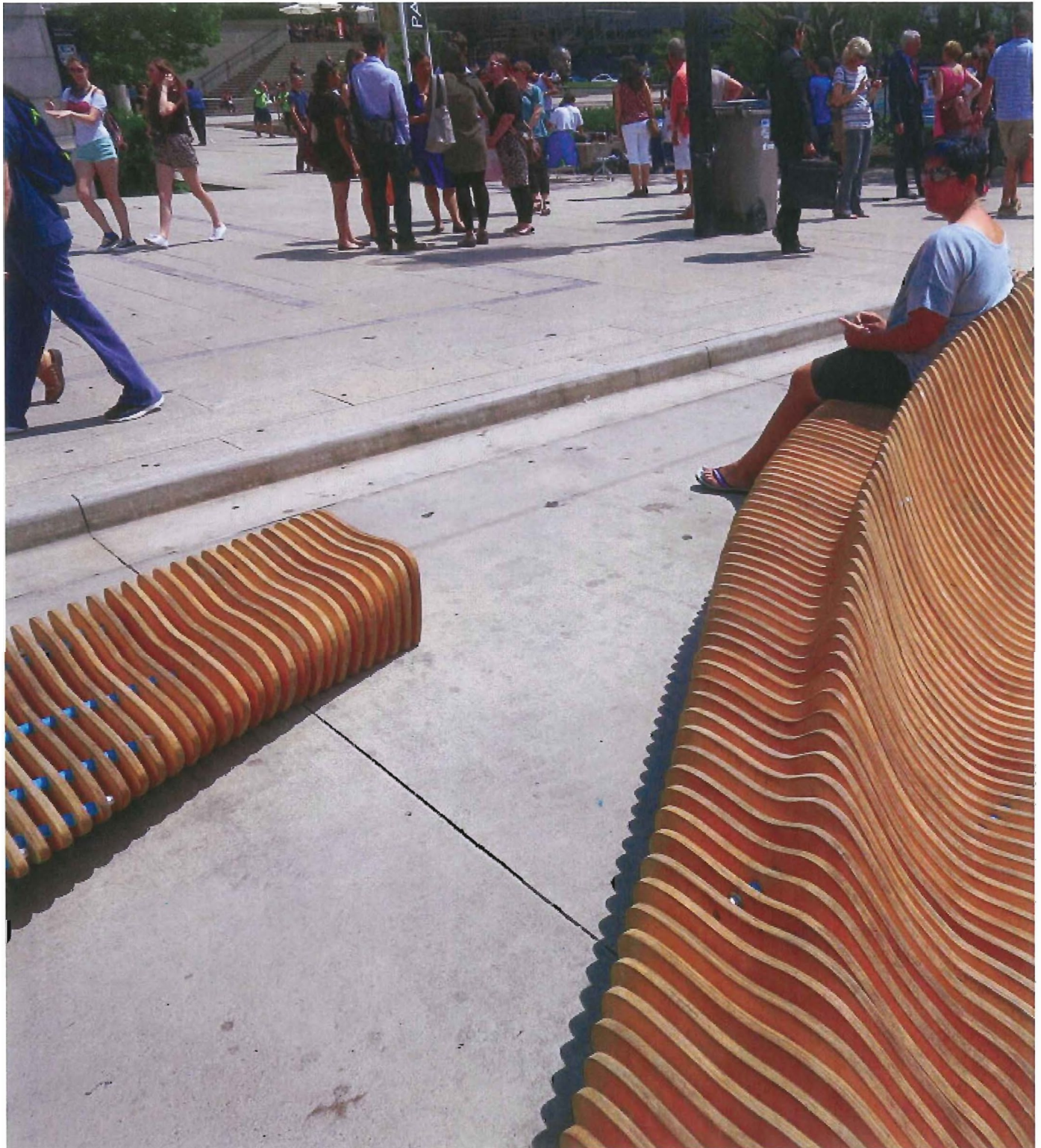Image: Kenneth Chan/Vancity Buzz
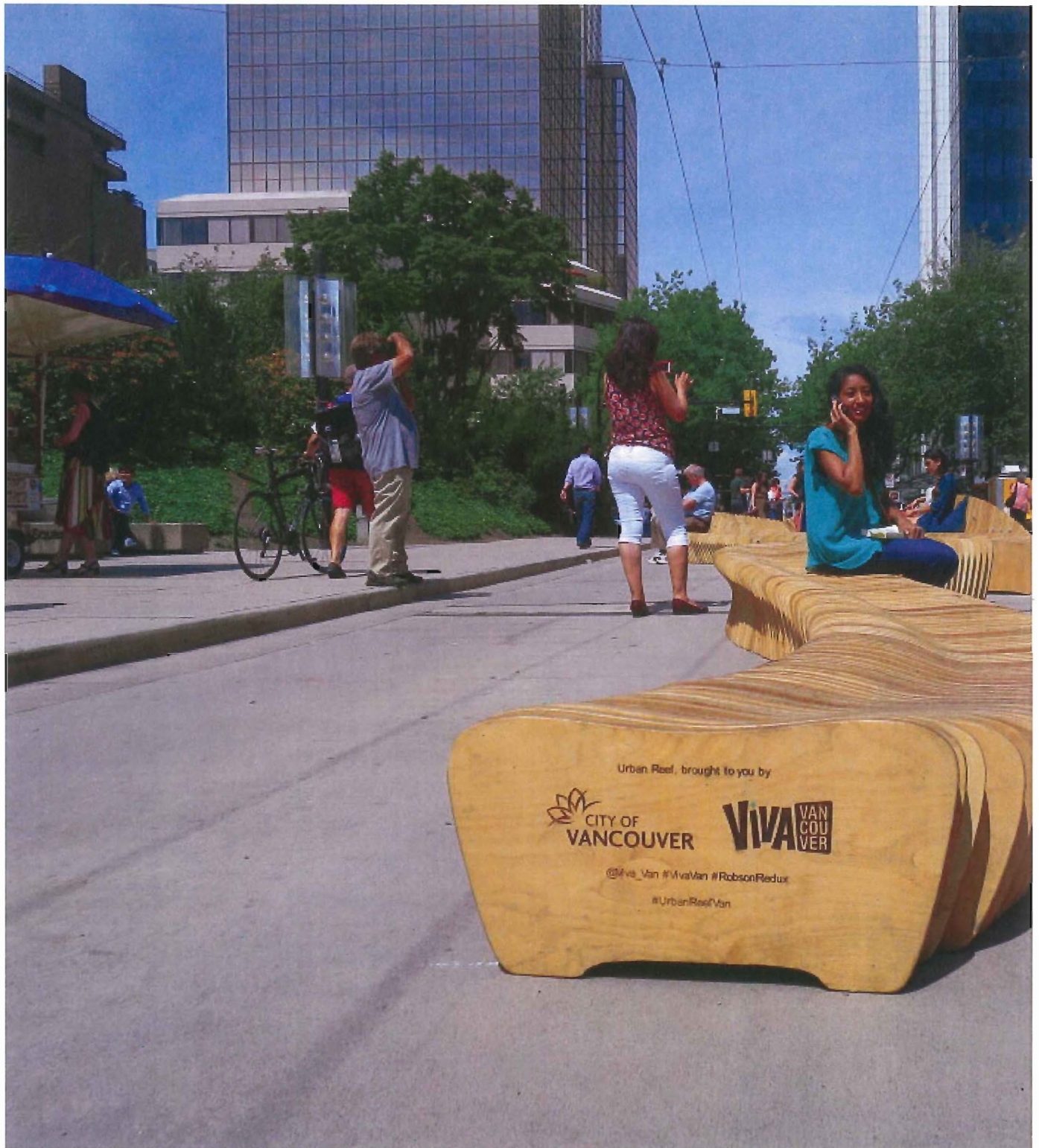
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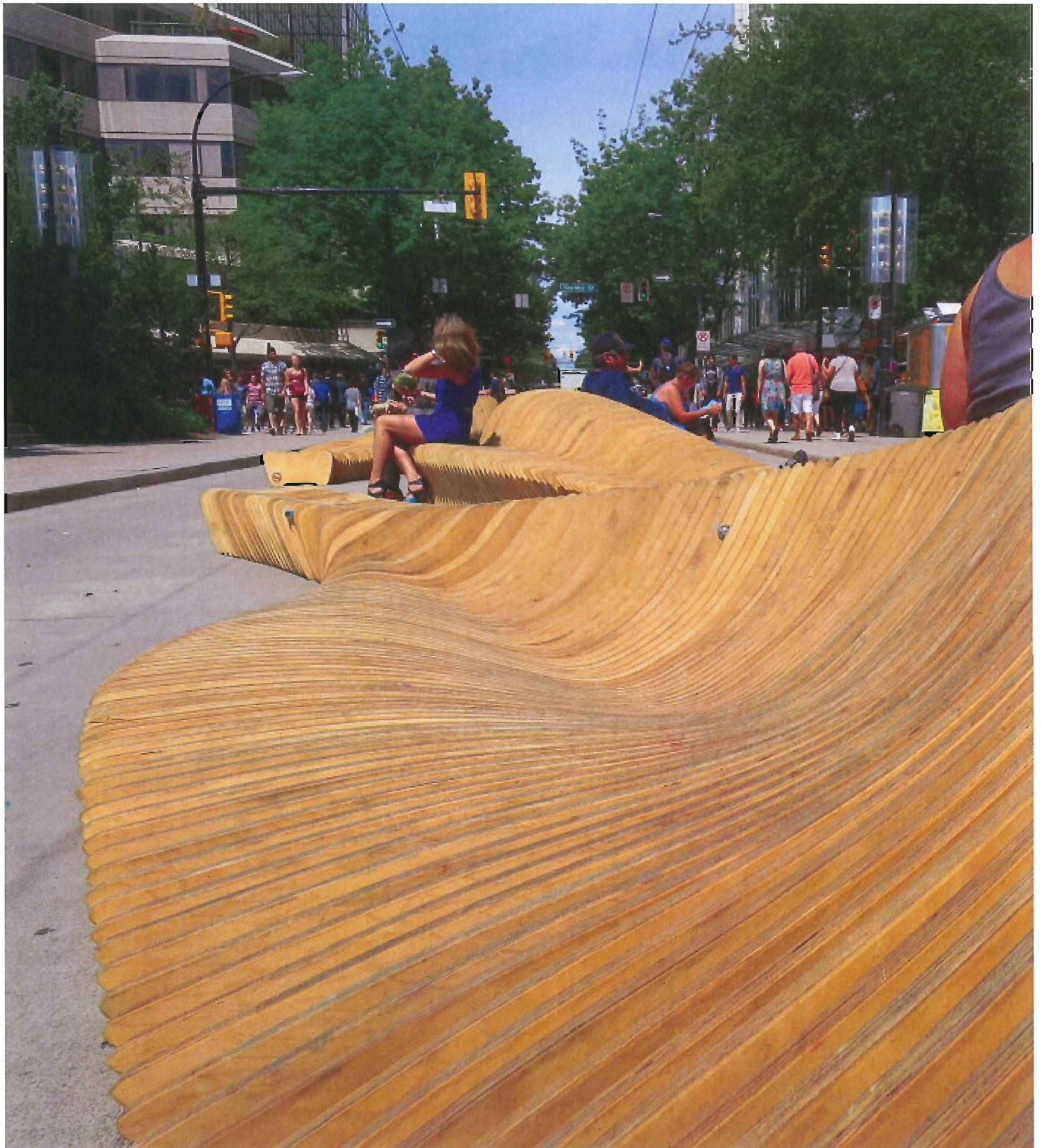
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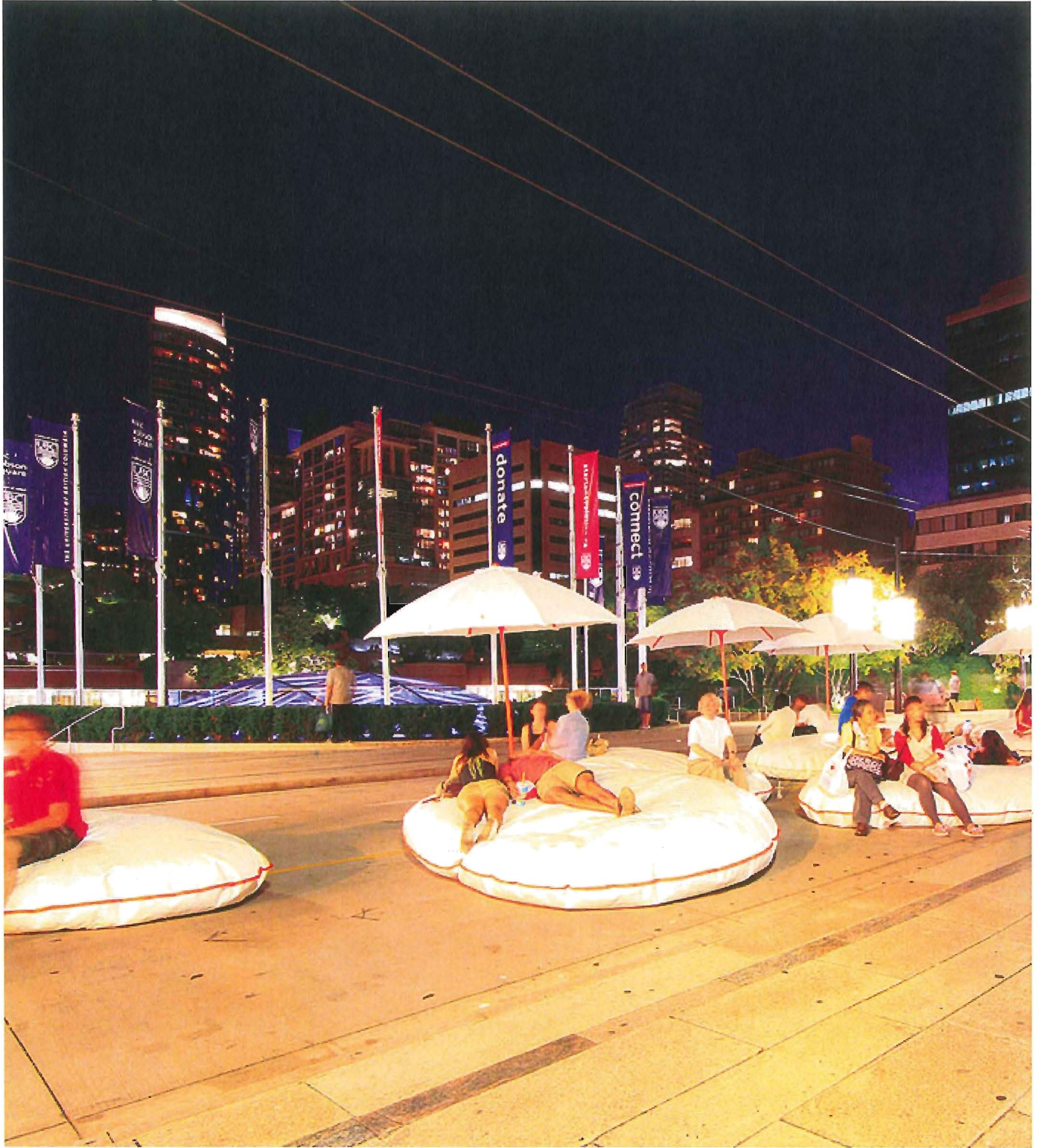## 2011: Picnurbia

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