



Stager House (1965)

Architect: Barry Downs, C.M.

Designed by Barry Downs in 1965, this 2,400 sq.ft. house encapsulates the timeless spirit of West Coast Modern living. Downs also designed the 1976 addition to the living room and provided a concept to add a third floor (unbuilt). Original owners Joan and John Stager lived in this home well into their retirement years. The current owner, their niece, enjoyed it for nine years and is now offering the home for sale.

Located on treed, winding Crown Street in Southlands, the house overlooks a forested park with grassy areas and a creek flowing through it. Direct transit to UBC's main campus is two blocks away. Southlands' equestrian hub is easily reached by walking or riding along the riverside path.



The living room has a distinctive overhead beam, and along the length of the south side a patio provides a private outdoor enclave.



The main entrance (front door to left, not shown) leads to the den and the stairs to a window-lined hallway and central living area. A signature Barry Downs light fixture is to the left of the living room fireplace. A second gas fireplace is located behind the one shown, in the den (see page 15). Step through south-facing sliding doors and up the stairs for a direct connection to the kitchen.



Natural light filters through translucent glass to illuminate the stairs and hallway. Adjoining the hall are double sliding doors (not shown) that open to the dining room.



Like the rest of the house, this intimate dining area brings the outdoors in and depicts a modern sensibility. Kitchen with second eating area is seen past the single sliding door.



Functional and complete, the kitchen is between two dining/social areas and is equipped with a robust gas stove, skylight, and a window over the sink with a view of the patio and the forest canopy beyond.



A characteristic floor-to-ceiling translucent window filters southern sun. Between the sitting area and the glass door to the back garden is a mud room and laundry area with sink.



A full bathroom is next to the master bedroom on the main floor. Not shown is a bathtub and shower with a rainshower-style head. The room is further illuminated by an overhead skylight.



The master bedroom's south window overlooks the back garden.



In addition to the full bathroom next to the master bedroom, this powder room serves the main floor and is located close to the second bedroom.



The second bedroom faces east. Like some other walls in the house, the wall to right in photo has the attractive texture of sand.



Downstairs, the bathroom sports a tiled shower and custom-built bow-front vanity.



Also downstairs, around the corner from the bathroom, a recreation room could serve as a self-contained studio for a UBC student. Excellent bus service only two blocks away.



Step out the kitchen door onto a porch and down a few steps to the patio off the living room (at right).



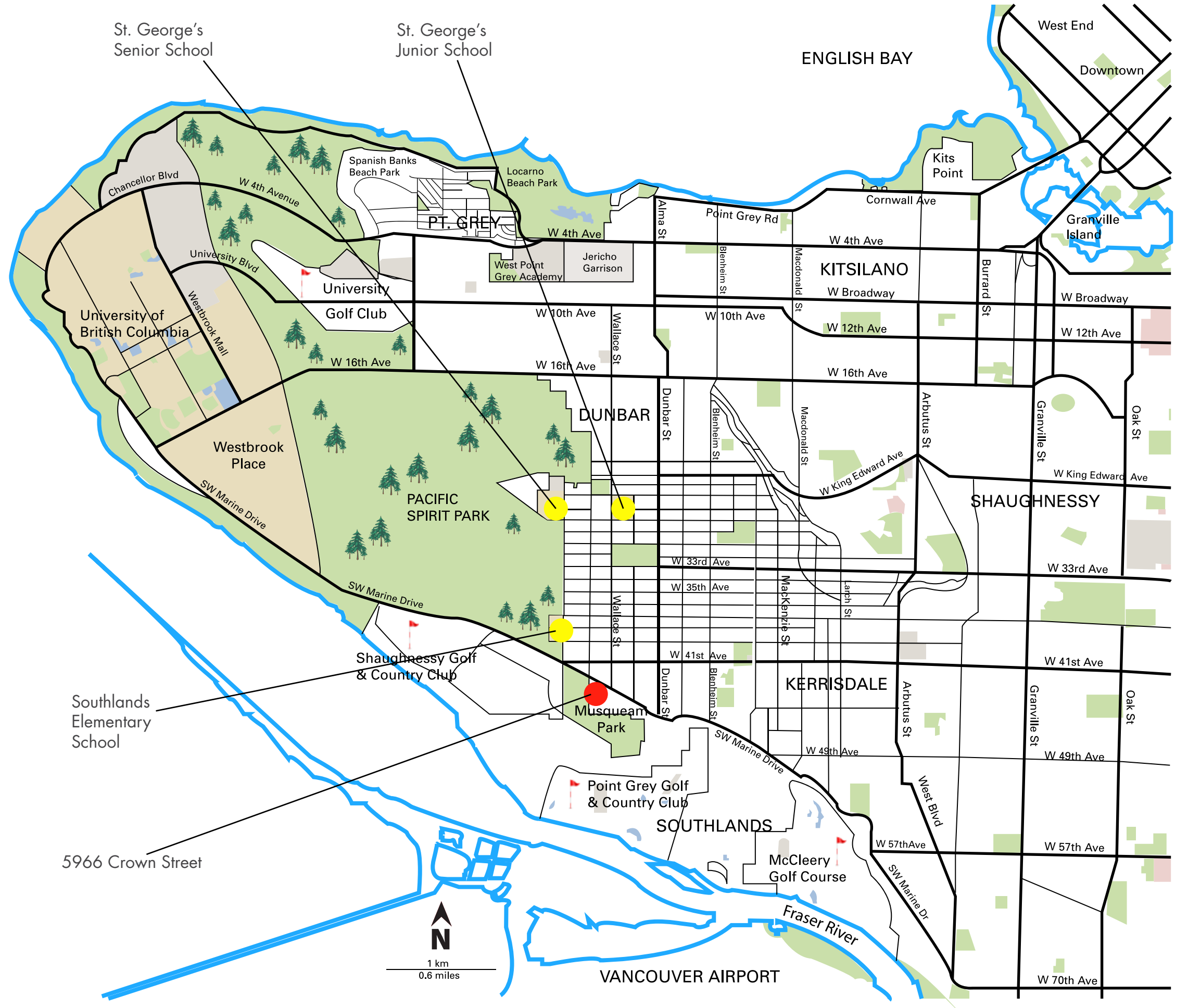
This side of the double fireplace (see page three, living room) opens into a den that can also be used as an office or guest room. Floor-to-ceiling windows overlook patio, with kitchen to left.

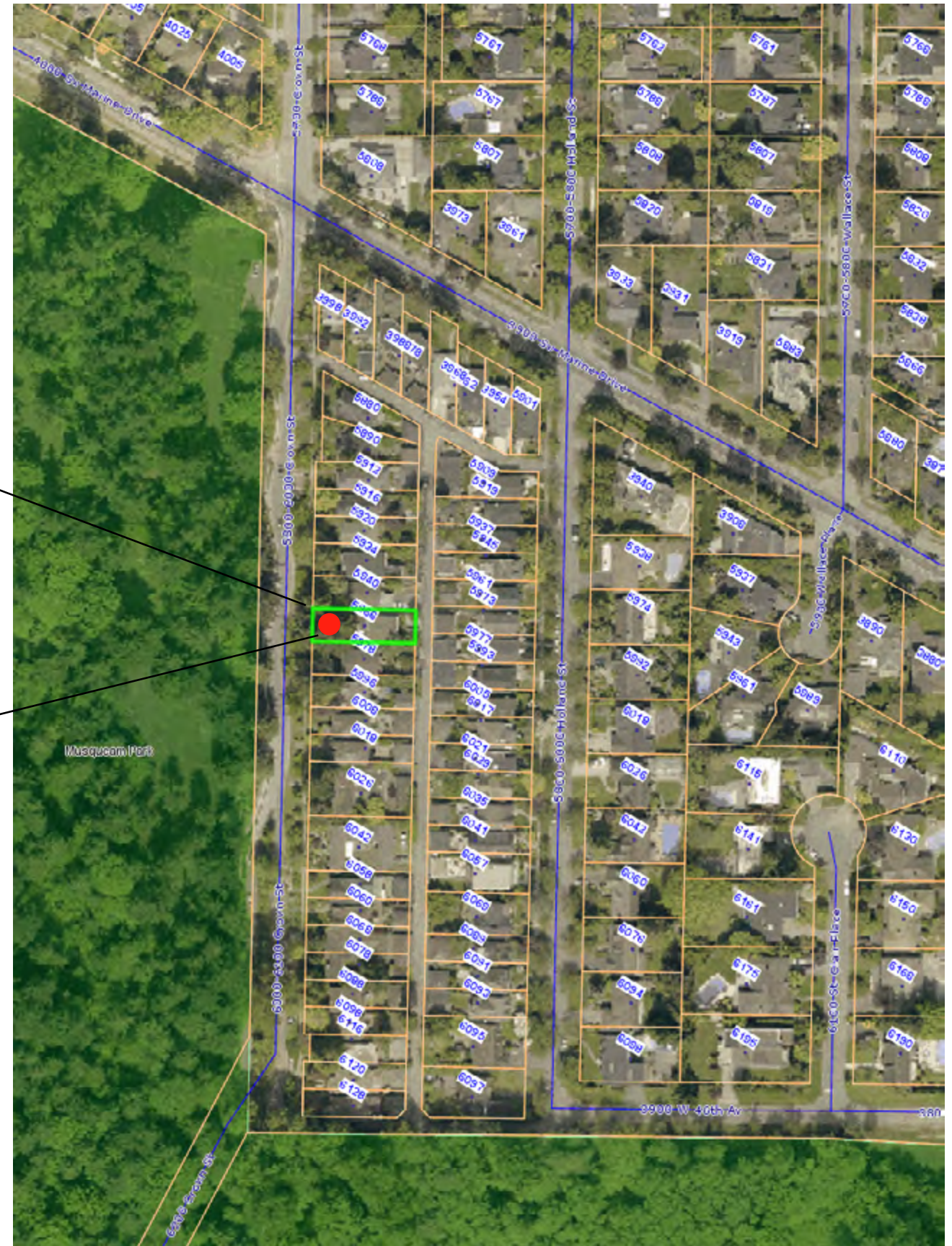


The back garden is a mix of paving stones and a flourishing green garden. The wooden gate to the right leads to a two-car parking spot.



A gem of West Coast Modern design with its indoor-outdoor confluence, this is a home to treasure.





At 39.56 feet wide, Barry Downs designed the home to maximize light and privacy in its wooded setting.

