



# ILLUMINATE *the* NIGHT

A radiating light piece that *illuminates* the Burrard Dry Dock Pier. Inspired by Jane Jacobs' 'Eyes on the Street' model, *Illuminate the Night* expands the dynamic of the area as well as it's overall safety for The Shipyards community.



## WHAT IS IT?

*Illuminate the Night* is a unique public art light installment spread throughout the center path of the Burrard Dry Dock Pier. It's centerpiece is one large tree potted in a small ship, made from scrap metals. There will be smaller trees following along the path, stemming from both ends of the centerpiece.

## WHY IS IT NEEDED?

To promote safety along the Pier by The Shipyards, the objectives are to also increase evening traffic so that the Pier can be fully appreciated day and night.

Additionally, the surrounding businesses such as Tap n Barrel, the Seaside hotel, and the new Capilano campus all boarder The Shipyards. It is heartwarming to know that when the employees get off a late shift, they can feel safe walking back to the Lonsdale bus loop. The piece incorporates "life" into hidden areas that have the potential to shine.

## HOW IT WORKS:

LED lights are built in and around the trees. From dusk to dawn, the lights would illuminate, brightening Burrard Dry Dock Pier. This allows locals and visitors to feel reassured that they are in the public eye and enjoy the heritage value of the Pier.

## OUTCOMES

We spoke with locals who reside close to The Shipyards – they were interested to see the Pier more well-lit, and were intrigued by the thought of incorporating public art, rather than just throwing down standard-issue city lights. *Illuminate the Night* makes them feel safer during their evening walks and/or runs.

Additionally, we spent some time at The Shipyards, in the dark, to really get into the idea. We wanted to feel the sense of place that hides in the shadows of the space, and obtain a first-hand experience to come up with a valuable and useful solution. As two young girls that will be attending evening classes at CapU Shipyards next Spring, we are exactly the demographic that this project is targeting. *Illuminate the Night* comes from deep within our hearts and is what we believe is the perfect balance of public art and community safety.

## NEXT STEPS

The next step for us is to head back to The Shipyards and ensure that the Burrard Dry Dock Pier has the official capacity to accommodate this installment. We will be looking for a local artist to sculpt the tree fixtures, as well as an electrical engineer to ensure that all the details fall into place smoothly.