



Chapter 22

 Sex and (Evacuation from) the City:
The Moral and Legal Regulation of Sex Workers
In Vancouver's West End, 1975-1985
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Questions for Critical Reading

1. Consider the three images in the article. How do these visual sources contribute to our historical understanding of prostitution in Vancouver?
2. Why has public solicitation been more heavily penalized than other forms of sex work?
3. Why were gay men of the West End particularly vocal against sex workers in their neighbourhood? What does this reveal about the connection between gender and sex work?
4. Do prostitution laws increase or decrease the safety of those involved in sex work?

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