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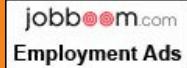
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## Rebel with a Clause



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### Vision's B.C. dream a fallacy

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One of the inherent problems with the NDP in this province, indeed, in this country, is that other than simply being steeped in fantastic demagoguery, they have abundantly perfected the calibrations required to stealthily arrive at the science of political suicide, and, with their collective dim bulb half-lit, argue over better ways to die.

The left have never been able to bring themselves to understand Blair Labour/ Conservatism, born, of course in the UK, or Blue Dog Democrats, to the south. This would require administrative patience and mental agility. Instead, they run through their base satisfactions like frothy-mouthed wild horses in full gallop.

It's only when they are eventually tossed by the electorate that they appreciate a comeuppance, but by then, the damage left by their wake alone is palpably felt by the rest of us. So much so, that we buy their nonsense and lather not five or 10 years later, and the wheel starts anew.

We do this to ourselves.

The specious revelations this week that Vision Vancouver, the local NDP, might venture to become Vision B.C. had me chuckling. Particularly as the chatter grew louder, thanks in no small part to ever-present Senator Larry Campbell, who's never met a microphone he didn't adore.

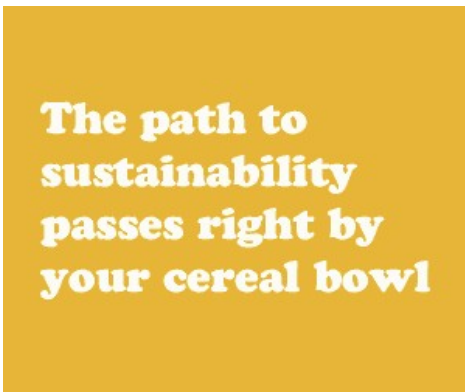
Sir Lawrence couldn't contain himself, even musing that this was a viable alternative depending on who succeeded Gordon Campbell in the Liberal camp. So fulsome a theory was never better prostituted; and this from His Laryness, who must be the most reviled man in the Vision bailiwick, primarily for his serial betrayals.

Can you imagine Gregor Robertson as premier? Controlled by the ham-fisted ideologues, currently destroying good parts of Vancouver, Robertson would kill this province. Forget industry, resource or otherwise; ignore the perils of an uneven economy. Can you imagine the doctrinaire fantasies all on your tax dollar?

Think of the nightmare of Vision Vancouver at the controls of this province: It'd be like the NDP on cocaine: Deaf to reason; unending paranoia; and bubbling rage to defend against the interminable hurt they cause everyone around them.

Any informed person would scoff at the mere suggestion that they are a possible alternative as a third provincial party.

Even a cursory review of the latest folly would provide for objective perspective: City-wide lane-way housing, which will increase density, and our eco-footprint through added car parking, is yet another social engineering exercise.



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But why would you want to add anything to your 50' x 125' lot in Kitsilano? Tear it down and build four units to sell off, at maximum profit. But this somehow increases "affordable" housing and betters our environment according to the mayor.

And let's not even start up again about the shelters: The mayor finally had a consultation with residents. They were handpicked to a very limited number, and the entire escapade was a staged charade, where the wrath of the community and neighborhood would be held at bay.

But here's what really frightened me, as much as anything a Vision B.C. concept could.

Geoff Meggs as Solicitor General. In the last week, he councillors Jang and Reimer insanely moved to cancel tickets the police issued, largely to petty criminals on the Downtown Eastside.

All while the mayor beamed with pride.

This lot of false leaders couldn't run a lemonade stand.

Vision promised a balanced and fair agenda and has delivered anything but that. Their extremism is cloaked by the mayor's over-prepared (and often poorly delivered) speeches and as one woman recently wrote me, "his model good looks... you're just jealous."

Hardly. I am profoundly disinterested that Gregor Robertson looks like a model. My concern is that when he opens his mouth, he sounds like one.

Vision isn't going to Victoria.

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