

COALITION VANCOUVER

2018 PLATFORM

WAI YOUNG & YOUR COALITION TEAM





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OUR PLATFORM

- We will immediately end the ideological war on transportation with NO new bike lanes.
- We will immediately tear out or cancel three new separated bike lanes: West 10th in front of VGH; The superfluous bike lane across the Cambie Bridge; The 12-foot-wide bike lane being imposed on families and children in Kits Beach.
- We will undertake a review of all separated bike lanes down major arterial roadways for usage and effectiveness.
- We will keep and improve the Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts. We will NOT spend billions tearing them down.
- We will immediately reopen the critical Adanac Street Overpass to vehicles
- We will Lower Taxes, make Vancouver more livable and help Vancouver businesses. Immediately, on day one, we will make parking free after 8 PM Monday to Saturday and free all-day on Sunday.
- We are 100% against the so-called "School Tax". It is blatant socialist capital appropriation by the NDP. We will fight this in court.
- We will undertake a full forensic review of the City of Vancouver's finances. Currently the City of Vancouver is over \$2 billion dollars in debt.
- We will consult and take direction from community residents' associations, we will not dictatorially impose drastic change on a community or neighborhood until all concerns are fully aired and considered and if necessary, voted upon.



MUTUAL RESPECT

Mutual Respect is a Coalition Vancouver comprehensive policy initiative to keep our roadways clear, our commerce flowing and our residents safer. It has 4 primary components:

1. Council will pass much more robust "Street and Traffic" City By-Laws
2. Immediately, 50% of all City of Vancouver Parking Enforcement Officers will be retrained or let go.
3. Newly trained By-Law officers to enforce a basic respect for each mode of transport - with the goal of maximizing the volume of safe traffic flow.
4. Those remaining in Parking Enforcement will be re-directed toward congestion issues and will focus upon ticketing AND towing vehicles impeding rush hour traffic on main arterial roads.



CLEAN CITY

Clean City – A green city is impossible without having a clean city. We will be rolling out specific initiatives to clean up our city, everything from needles in parks, to overflowing public trash cans, to graffiti.

- **Double Sanitation Staff:** Coalition Vancouver will double city sanitation staff. Gregor Robertson's Greenest City initiative has time and again looked the other way on filth and squalor. Although they've focused on reducing human impact on the environment they've paid precious little attention to the streets. Green does not equal Clean. They focused on reducing solid waste in landfills but no one at City Hall has shown they still care about the streets. The landfills, meanwhile, are doing just fine. In 2011 after the disappointment of losing the Stanley Cup, our great city was given a black eye by rioters. Gregor Robertson watched the riots explode and did nothing. Afterwards, it was Vancouverites who cleaned up the mess – not just city sanitation workers. These folks wanted to restore the city to the one they were proud of. Coalition Vancouver agrees with them. We have civic pride and we want our city to have it again.
- **Vagrancy:** Coalition Vancouver will end the normalization of vagrancy in Vancouver. Businesses will be required to ask and encourage vagrants to leave the areas immediately outside of the business. Large commercial buildings will have the same obligation. A by-law hotline for businesses will be available to call and address any troublesome individuals. Newly retrained by-law officers will be immediately deployed to encourage troublesome individuals or groups of individuals to move along and leave businesses free to conduct their business. By-law officers will work in tandem with the Vancouver Police Department.
- **Unobstructed Access to Business Entrances:** Businesses operating in the City of Vancouver will be obligated to keep six metres on each side of the entrance door to their business clear of snow, debris and people to enable access for customers of all abilities and mobility.



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- **Strengthening By-Laws and Enforcing the Law:** Coalition Vancouver will give businesses the tools they need to protect their businesses and the investment they made in our city. We will be updating by-laws that protect business investment in the city. We will be enforcing the laws already in existence.
- **Business Growth:** Coalition Vancouver will support businesses in our city. We will give businesses the tools they need to attract customers without fear or harassment. This includes clearing the sidewalks leading to businesses of vagrants and reducing the number of bike lanes obstructing access around our city. Vancouver has lost too many small businesses in our neighborhoods as the result of bad government policy. Together we can have a safe, prosperous city again.
- **Increasing Garbage and Recycling Receptacles:** Coalition Vancouver will increase by two to threefold the number of garbage and recycling receptacles in public areas. Some garbage fails to find its way to the garbage due to a lack of receptacles. Garbage in these receptacles will be removed on a regular basis. The cans will not overflow.
- **Weekly Residential Garbage Pickup:** Coalition Vancouver will restore weekly garbage pickup to residential homes.
- **Needles In Park City Parks and Receptions will also double sanitation staff:** These new sanitation workers will ensure public parks remain clear of litter, needles and human waste. Neglect by the city government has led to the grittiness and urban decay we've seen in our city. Once again we will have playgrounds that do not need to be cleaned before children play.
- **Gateways to the City:** Coalition Vancouver will restore pride in our city and show it to the world. A first step of the restoration of this pride will be through the cleanup of arterials into our city and our primary historical and tourist sites. Grass will be cut and city medians and thoroughfares will be maintained.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The affordable housing crisis is a heart-breaking issue for those affected. Coalition Vancouver will do everything inside of its power to ease the crisis both in the short term and in the long term.

- **Stop the cycle of reckless housing policy. Coalition Vancouver will not sell one additional square inch of city land.**

1. On new builds, the focus will be on purpose-built rental housing and smaller, non-luxury affordable housing units for Vancouverites.
2. Coalition Vancouver will use a combination of zoning and tax policy to direct this to ensure that these new rental and affordable units are built in and around major transportation hubs.

- **Coalition Vancouver is Neighborhood First**

1. Coalition Vancouver will work hard to ensure that the heritage rules of each and every community are amended so that they work for each neighborhood and the city as a whole.
2. Committees will be struck in each neighborhood to determine what pre-1940 houses should be preserved and which should not to ensure neighborhoods maintain their heritage.

- **Coalition Vancouver will rescind the “Making Room” policy and motion:**

1. This policy caters to big business and continues to “sell-out” Vancouver by the NPA and Vision Vancouver. It was passed without appropriate consultation with communities and will drastically change the character of existing neighborhoods. Unlike other parties, Coalition Vancouver has no ties to big businesses, special interest groups or developers. We are 100% for the people.
2. The affordable housing crisis is NOT a supply problem. In the last 15 years, for every new household, the region has added 1.19 net units of housing. The



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problem is the type of housing being built. Vancouver has built far too many 'luxurious' condos and far too few affordable housing units. No millionaire has a problem buying a home – the issue is that most homes are priced out of the range of low-middle income earners. The housing crisis in Vancouver is strictly about zoning and building affordable units, quickly. We do not need more luxury condos!

3. Coalition Vancouver is committed to ensuring purpose-built rentals, social housing and co-op housing as a priority, specifically centred around transportation hubs to ease transportation costs.
4. Coalition Vancouver is committed to our Millennial Plus Program, which will build smaller, more affordable housing units for people to have an entry pathway to ownership in Vancouver. These units will retail at a price point of \$300,000.00 and with the mortgage and condo fees, will cost approximately \$1500.00 monthly, which is the average rental cost. This will provide a pathway to property ownership.

• **Coalition Vancouver additionally supports the zoning of additional rental units per stand-alone home and a laneway house in neighborhoods which support this policy.**

1. These additional units will reduce rental pressure immediately.
2. We understand and support the delivery of housing for all stages of life. Coalition Vancouver will work with neighbourhoods to plan and zone their neighbourhoods to accommodate young adults, and from empty nesters who no longer need larger homes, to ethnic senior's homes. We believe and support neighbourhoods first and will work with all neighbourhoods to develop a city-wide, neighborhood focused, housing plan that will serve Vancouver now and in the future.

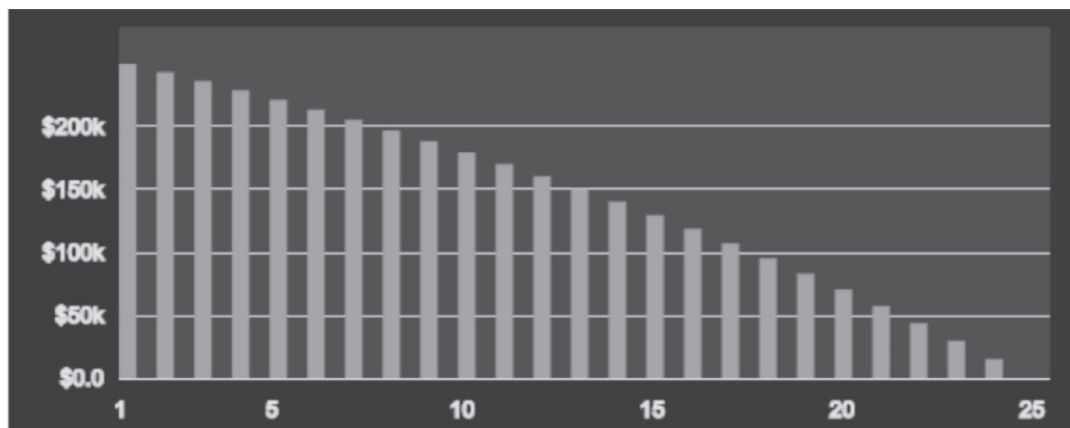


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These units will be limited to citizens and will be owner-occupied units. Coalition Vancouver would make Millennial Plus units 10% of all new build approvals.

DETAILS

- Monthly mortgage payment is \$1,272.
- Condo fees, insurance, and taxes are around \$228 per month.
- All-in cost is \$1,500 per month.
- Exact terms and conditions are modular and adaptable to each context. (Yes, you can have larger units for couples, or even a rent-to-purchase wrinkle. There are lots of options.)
- Cost per Square Foot: \$1,000 (includes everything)
- Size: 300 square feet
- Down payment: \$45,000
- Rate: Fixed Interest Rate of 3.49% (BMO Smart Mortgage base) Amortization: 25 years
- Source: BMO Smart Fixed Mortgage Closed Monthly: \$1,272
- Extra Charges: \$228 (Condo Fees, Insurance, Taxes) All-In Costs: \$1,500
- Amortization in Years:





ARTS AND CULTURE

Coalition Vancouver is committed to supporting arts and culture in the city. To continue fostering the growth of arts in our community, Coalition Vancouver will:

1. Assist in the relocation of Vancouver Art Gallery:

The relocation of the Vancouver Art Gallery has been an ongoing objective for more than 10 years. Vancouver Art Gallery has long outgrown its current home on Robson Street, which was a former provincial courthouse built in 1906 and reconfigured in the 1980s to house the gallery. To date, more than 40M is still needed in order for the relocation to happen. Coalition Vancouver will champion the relocation of the Vancouver Art Gallery. Wai Young will leverage her experience in both the government and community to assist the gallery in achieving its financing goals.

2. Award bursaries to accomplished artists:

To support the continued development of artists, Coalition Vancouver will award \$50,000 bursaries in the amount of \$10,000 each to artists in the following categories:

- a) theatre;
- b) music;
- c) literature;
- d) visual arts;
- e) champion of the arts (professor, arts academy, non-profit arts program).

The recipients will be honoured in a city-organized gala that will showcase the artistic talent in the community.

3. Engage the artists in beautifying the city:

Coalition Vancouver is committed to making Vancouver beautiful again. The city will seek proposals from artists in the city in respect of projects to beautify the outdoor spaces, buildings and structures in key areas of the city including Vancouver East Side, and our important Georgia and Dunsmuir Viaducts among others. Projects will be chosen and artists will be commissioned to complete the selected projects.



CARE HOUSE

Despite billions of dollars in social spending – over the past decade - many citizens in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) flounder in poverty, substance abuse, and neglect. The quality of life for people in the DTES is degenerating not improving!

The army of the homeless grows every day. Meanwhile, City Hall builds a "poverty industry" – groups consuming billions of tax dollars, with no real accountability. No one knows where the money goes. A lot of money goes to into the poverty industry, rather than to needy folks in the DTES. Sure, we need more resources, but we need understanding and leadership, too.

True, homelessness is tragic; however, it is not the root problem. These people are usually unemployed (or underemployed), afflicted by illness, physical handicaps, addictions, and severe psychological disorders. Indeed, homelessness has many faces:

- More than one-third is from the First Nations (mostly from outside Metro Vancouver). They are entitled to Federal funding, but those benefits goes to their place of origin. We must get those funds allotted to Indigenous people in Vancouver. That is critical to lifting this population out of the poverty cycle.
- Over half of this population were housed – and often working - within a year of becoming homeless.
- About one quarter of the homeless suffer from long-term mental illness. They need treatment, or even institutional care. So, we support re-opening Riverview Hospital.
- About 10% are veterans (Army, Navy, and Air Force). Again, there is funding from the VAC, especially for people with PTSD, and other disabilities. Sadly, these vets are victims of government bureaucracy.
- Addiction, substance abuse, and health conditions often haunt homelessness. It is part of a vicious cycle, with no easy way out.



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About 80% of the homeless are from outside Metro Vancouver. In fact, almost half this group are from outside the Province. That is why we must gain support from other jurisdictions.

Care House is unique. It grabs best-practices from all over the world – employment training, detoxification, coaching and such. It is a one-stop shop. Care House staff will draw from a complete range of social service specialists, tailoring programs to meet each person's needs.

Housing costs have long been spiraling out of control. Not just here but in other cities such as Toronto and Victoria. Generation Squeezed says it takes an average of 23 years for a millennial to save enough capital for a down payment on a studio apartment in Vancouver. Saving in Toronto takes nearly as long. This housing affordability problem really hits Canadian millennials and the less advantaged.

This is a huge problem. Young people seek to stay in urban centres where they can grow their careers, businesses and earning potential. Instead, they're being excluded from the Canadian dream. They're going straight to the suburban commuter nightmare in their early 20s

The Vancouver market is dominated by high-end luxury condos – those costing over \$1 million. This doesn't benefit young people wanting to live in the city. This benefits developers. They love luxury condos – they sell quickly, often to off-shore buyers, the buyers have deep pockets and developers do not need to worry about sales falling through. Short-sightedness at city hall has led to the city chasing the municipal fees (Developer Cost Levies and Community Amenity Contributions) that the previous councils have used to fund pet projects such as bike lane after bike lane. All the while, the City is \$2 billion in debt.