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Voters were nuts to believe Robertson's homeless vow

[Your story Monday](#) says that Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson broke his promise to end homelessness in the city by 2015.

Sorry, but homelessness is far more complicated than saying we will end it by such and such a date. Anyone who actually believed Robertson should come visit me and I will sell them a mountaintop mansion for cheap.

This mayor has proven he only cares about developers and his rich friends and couldn't care less about this issue. Politicians continually lie to get re-elected because there is never any backlash from the voters. Remember that when voting on the proposed new TransLink tax; our government is not to be trusted to do what's right with this money, especially with Robertson and the other mayors involved because most of them wouldn't know the truth if it smashed them in the face.

Shawn Storey, Surrey

Homeless fight doesn't pay

It is not surprising that Mayor Gregor Robertson failed on his pledge to the voters of Vancouver to end homelessness.

There is no profit to be made for his friends in high places on that promise. It's much better for friends to buy houses on Point Grey Road and close roads and create bike lanes.

Glenn Nordal, Langley

Get a job!

The homeless fellow in the picture on the front page of Monday's Province, lying on his mattress and smoking his stogie, doesn't appear to be suffering.

The likely problem with him is that he is too lazy to find a job and make something out of himself. He wants others to supply him with his needs. Good luck, fellow. You deserve what you get.

Rick Mueller, Abbotsford

Use Arbutus cash for homes

I have a novel idea.

Why doesn't Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson spend the \$20 million he says the Arbutus corridor rail line is worth to build homes for the homeless instead of bolstering accolades from the Arbutus group who took over land

that didn't belong to them in the first place.

Barbara Moxin, Campbell River

Plebiscite lacks integrity

A plebiscite over any issue in which all the facts are not on the table lacks integrity.

A plebiscite over any issue in which the terms/conditions change during the "voting period" lacks integrity.

A plebiscite which relies on, but has not confirmed, financial contribution from other levels of government lacks integrity.

A plebiscite which takes proportionally more funds out of the pockets of the poor lacks integrity.

A plebiscite which unevenly funds only one side of the issue with public funds lacks integrity.

I therefore conclude that [TransLink's plebiscite](#), clearly lacking integrity, should be voted down.

Corrie Kost, North Vancouver

Natives right to block fishery

The Heiltsuk First Nation has every reason to [blockade the mid-coast herring fishery](#).

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has already allowed the decimation of the oolichan, a fish sacred to their culture. The shrimp fishery dumped them overboard as bycatch.

Now, Fisheries and Oceans Canada wants to continue doing the same to the herring, a fish fundamental to the marine ecology, all in the name of profit over conservation.

Stewart Brinton, Vancouver

Try the veal ...

After reading your selection of [jokes from local comedians](#), are you sure the Vancouver comedy scene is booming?

John Clench, Vancouver

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