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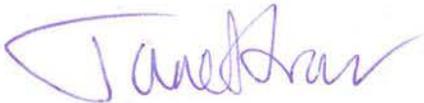
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B.C. will thrive if it governs for the middle

Once had a boss who was fond of saying “all you find in the middle of the road are yellow lines and dead skunks.” I disagree. There’s a lot of common sense in the middle of the road, which is where you will find the majority of small businesses — and many, many voters, too.

The middle wants budget deficits eliminated as soon as possible. The middle likes the idea of paying off debt. The middle thinks taxes are high enough. The middle knows regulations should focus on the most important health and safety issues.

Red tape, including unfriendly and unhelpful government service, should be minimized.

When the small business “middle” thrives, the entire middle class thrives.

So where is the middle when it comes to the B.C. government’s current policy priorities? Preliminary results from a pre-budget small business survey show strong support for the overall government vision of “a strong economy and a secure tomorrow.”

Not surprisingly, balancing the budget and paying down debt receive strong support. The middle knows today’s deficits are tomorrow’s taxes and tomorrow’s taxes eat away their children’s standard of living.

Reducing red tape is on the minds of many business owners, with concern running high over the administrative problems with returning to the PST. Business owners need answers to how they are expected to apply sales-tax rules and they need those answers to be in plain English rather than bureaucratese.

Beyond the problems with administering the PST, we will be recommending that Finance Minister Mike de Jong develop a plan to remove PST from machinery, equipment, software and other business inputs that are important for increasing the productivity of a business. Taxing these inputs makes no sense and goes against the vision of a strong economy. Business owners tell us they would do three things if these taxes were lower — invest in new equipment,



Laura Jones

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pay down debt and increase employee compensation.

Looming on the horizon are some big questions about natural resource development in this province. Where is the middle? They are squarely in support of further developing B.C.’s resources as long as appropriate environmental protection is in place.

As far as pipelines go, support is strong as long as Premier Christy Clark’s five conditions, which include world-leading water and spill response, are met. There is also majority support for increasing the exports of liquefied natural gas. As debates over pipelines heat up, it will be important that the middle is included.

These aren’t just big-business, big-government, big-environment policy decisions. The middle wants its voice heard.

The B.C. election was won earlier this year by the party that talked best to the middle. Now it is getting into the business of governing — where it’s easy to lose track of important priorities as they get drowned out by a cacophony from the fringes.

But unlike my old boss, I think all we find on the side of the road is broken down cars and overgrown bushes.

Govern for the middle and the province will thrive.

Laura Jones is executive vice-president of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. She can be reached at laura.jones@cfib.ca or follow her on Twitter @CFIBideas.

European grape harvest rebounds from 2012

BRUSSELS — The grape harvest in the European Union has picked up from the extremely bad 2012 season, but key wine regions such as France’s Bordeaux and Burgundy are still struggling as a result of inclement weather.

Several wine-producing regions suffered the worst harvest in half a century last year, so the European vintners want to regain global market share with a more bountiful harvest to serve clients as

far away as China and the United States. Overall EU production is estimated to be up 15.2 per cent from last year.

Still, overall production will be below the five-year average, Thierry Coste, an expert with the EU farmers’ union, said on Wednesday.

France remained below the 2011 levels, but Italy and Spain have markedly picked up with sizable increases.

— *The Associated Press*

Egyptian telecom magnate ‘finished with Canada’

Naguib Sawiris says he will take his money elsewhere and has no further plans to invest in Canada.

The Egyptian telecom magnate has previously invested in Canada’s wireless sector but last week Ottawa blocked his bid to acquire

Allstream from Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. in a transaction that valued it at \$520 million.

“I am finished with Canada, I tell you,” Sawiris said in an interview with *Ahram Online*, an English-language website published by Egypt’s *Al-Ahram* news orga-

nization. The federal government rejected a bid by Sawiris’s investment firm, *Accelero Holdings Inc.*, to acquire MTS’s enterprise services division after a 136-day review under the *Investment Canada Act*.

— *Postmedia News*



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Davie Shipyards eyes coast guard contracts to double workforce

The Canadian Press

MONTREAL — After decades of uncertainty and several ownership changes, the new owners of Canada's oldest shipyard say the company has diversified and is in a strong position to win coast guard shipbuilding and maintenance contracts. The once mothballed

Davie yard, in Levi, Que., is humming these days with 750 workers as it prepares to launch its first ship later this month since restarting operations last year.

The 130-metre offshore construction vessel, for a Norwegian client, is the largest built in Canada in more than three decades. Davie has five ships under

construction and more to come over the next year, including two ferries.

Chairman Alex Vicefield said Davie is a different company from two years ago when, in financial and ownership disarray, it lost a mammoth federal shipbuilding contract to Seaspan and Irving. Now under new management, the firm

has diversified its customer base to include ferries, naval ships, oil and gas, and industrial fabrication.

"A lot of the previous owners of the yard have just fixated on one particular side or one part industry, whereas what we've done is created a team and a system to back it up in the shipyard so we can actually

go after different industries and different opportunities," he said.

Last month, Davie submitted \$1.2 billion worth of proposals and expects to bid in the coming months for the first of several federal contracts for vessels of less than 1,000 tonnes.

British-Monaco company Zafiro Marine acquired

Davie in 2012 from a partnership led by Ontario's Upper Lakes.

Upper Lakes said its ownership became too risky after Irving Shipbuilding in Halifax and Vancouver Shipyards were selected over Davie to build Canada's next generation of warships and coast guard vessels.



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A Greenpeace activist holds up a banner during a blockade at the Kinder Morgan facility in Burrard Inlet in Burnaby.

Protesters blockade Burnaby oil facility

The Canadian Press

BURNABY — An attempt by Greenpeace protesters to stop the shipment of oil from Kinder Morgan's British Columbia storage facility didn't quite go as planned because there weren't any vessels scheduled to be at the facility.

The protest began when two people chained themselves to the company's front gate on a fog-shrouded Wednesday morning at the suburban Vancouver plant.

"We have shut down the facility today," said Greenpeace spokesman Mike Hudema shortly after about a dozen demonstrators took over the site on the shores of Burrard Inlet.

"I am watching two others scale the pipes used to load tar sands into the tankers that already come into this inlet, and then there are other activists that have climbed two storage tanks."

He said the activists intended to stay until they had sent a strong message to Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The protest was staged as the federal government prepared for the throne speech, which sets out its parliamentary agenda for the upcoming House of Commons session. Greenpeace opposes expansion

of pipelines in B.C., and Kinder Morgan wants to nearly triple the capacity of its Trans Mountain pipeline. "With every extra tanker or kilometre of pipeline, we increase the risk of an accident that would be catastrophic to the coast and our communities," Hudema said.

Currently the pipeline moves about 300,000 barrels of Alberta bitumen and other petroleum products daily, but the company has applied to twin its pipeline and move as much as 890,000 barrels daily.

"Over 130 First Nations have already said no to these tar sands pipelines and tanker proposals and the prime minister continues to try to ram these proposals through," Hudema said.

Kinder Morgan spokesman Andy Galarnyk said there were no vessels scheduled at Westridge Marine Terminal on Wednesday so operations were not disrupted. "We're not quite sure what the impact of their protest will be other than to fly their banners and do what they intended to do," Galarnyk said. "The terminal also supplies jet fuel storage and delivery to the Vancouver airport, although there are no scheduled deliveries so there is no impact at this time."

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Pipeline reversal 'recipe for disaster'

TORONTO — An Enbridge proposal to reverse the flow of a pipeline that runs between southern Ontario and Montreal puts First Nations communities at risk, threatens water supplies and could endanger vulnerable species in what speakers called a "recipe for disaster," a National Energy Board panel heard Wednesday. — CP

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TED spinoffs on agenda

Robertson plans to promote 'city of innovation'

JENNY LEE
VANCOUVER SUN

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson says he wants to launch a series of TED spinoff events to engage the public and showcase Vancouver's innovation economy.

He is working to imbue a "Vancouver flavour" into the 2014 and 2015 TED conferences, whether "on our streets" or by creating opportunities "for our businesses to access the incredible leadership that shows up," Robertson told the Vancouver Board of Trade Wednesday.

He is also looking for opportunities to "make sure around the city, people can experience TED simulcasts."

While the mayor was short on specifics, TED spinoff events were among a series of measures that he said will help Vancouver focus on what he sees as a critical need to shift to becoming a "city of innovation."

"In the rush to talk about hard hats, we can't forget to talk about hard drives," he said.

Local technology company growth is now limited by a lack of local talent, he said, and urgent action is needed to better match post-secondary education seats with technology company needs.

Vancouver's critical shortage isn't in skilled trades but in software engineers and computer science graduates, Robertson said.

The Vancouver Economic Commission, now led by CEO Ian Mackay, is working on a new innovation capital fund that will seek to match private funds and attract more capital to boost Vancouver's most promising start-ups, he said.

"I want to ensure that our start-ups have access to local capital and make sure that Vancouver ideas turn into Vancouver companies, not Vancouver expats," he said. The commission is



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expected to introduce the fund in coming months.

Robertson emphasized the need to shift Vancouver's focus to renewable energy.

"The resource economy is part of this city's DNA, but we need to show real leadership in how we approach that economy," he said. "There's nothing smart about shipping jobs overseas with every barrel of oil."

He said oil and gas companies in the U.S., Europe and Asia are diversifying into renewable energy far more than Canadian companies, and investors are shifting their capital accordingly.

Three years ago, worldwide private capital investments in renewable energy reached \$187 billion, or \$30 billion more than investments in electricity using fossil fuels.

"But in Canada, we're missing the market signals," Robertson said. "Renewable energy isn't

just a future, but *the* future — and perhaps the defining market opportunity of this generation."

Robertson reiterated the need for improved transit along the busy Broadway corridor and spoke of other City of Vancouver measures to move the city toward better supporting innovation. These include a new low-carbon industrial zone in False Creek Flats; new district "energy systems" from downtown to the Cambie corridor to provide stable low-cost renewable energy; a review of zoning and permitting to create more opportunity for local business; a Property Tax Commission examination of the balance between business and residential property taxes; and a request for proposals for a city app to provide smartphone access to City Hall 24/7.

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