

Vancouver's 'Progressive' Council and Housing

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Vancouver's City Council is occasionally lauded as 'progressive,' and the ruling party - Vision Vancouver - takes significant pride in trumpeting their work on affordable housing as evidence of such. But then they go and define "affordable rent" for a 1-bedroom apartment at \$1,500.

And today's quote from Geoff Meggs is fascinating:

[Meggs dismisses Antrim's ideas as infeasible. Allowing tenants back into renovated suites without extraordinary rent increases, he says, would unfairly force landlords to lose money. "I don't think anybody, regardless of their perspective on rents, can afford to renovate a home and not pay off that renovation somehow," he reasons.](#)

That's right. It would be *unfair* to force a landlord, who might have evicted someone so that they could repaint the walls, to triple the rent. Depriving them of income is unfair. Depriving someone of affordable housing isn't, apparently.