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Re: Talk Ports Modernization Review

The Port of Vancouver governance structure requires immediate reform.

How about making a change at the top. A new CEO with fresh ideas?

How about independent environmental reviews for a change? The Port of Vancouver providing approvals to its own benefit within the internationally significant Fraser River Delta is an international embarrassment. The unelected, unaccountable, and self-serving corporation is in clear conflict-of-interest. Canada's environmental regulations are the opposite of world class.

How about a Governance model that involves democratically appointed representation?

How about local community representation on the Board of Directors instead of special interests?

How about a holistic plan for west coast ports instead of encouraging competitive empire building?

How about leaving high quality local food producing agricultural lands alone and instead invest in building inland port infrastructure in BC's interior?

How about restoring the Fraser River Estuary Management Program (FREMP). With a modernized mandate that includes land-water interactions, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and includes First Nations traditional knowledge?

How about actually doing something about the destructive legacy of Stephen Harper's Omnibus Bills. Instead of 'studying' a problem that you campaigned on fixing?

These ideas are old. How about reading the pages of information I provided countless times in the past?

Three years have passed and 2019 is coming up fast. Why should I believe anything you say?

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