



# More Metro Madness

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# About ICBA

- Independent Contractors and Businesses Association
- Established in 1975
- More than 2,000 member companies and clients
- ICBA members and clients employ more than 50,000 people
- Three areas of focus:
  - public policy advocacy
  - training
  - group and retirement benefits

# ICBA 2017 Training Highlights

**3,346**

People Trained by ICBA's Professional Development Department

**1,173**

Apprentices sponsored by ICBA

**17**

Industry agencies, boards and committees ICBA staff served on

**11**

New ICBA professional development courses developed and launched in 2017

**24**

Apprenticeship trades sponsored by ICBA

# ICBA Group and Retirements Benefits



- ICBA Benefits is one of the largest independent providers of group health and retirement benefits in B.C.
- Hour Bank – Specialized plan for construction companies
- Individual and small operator solutions
- Mid to large case consulting services and custom stand-alone plans
- Retirement plans



# What Matters to ICBA Members?

- ✓ Strong and vibrant construction sector
  - Construction employs over 200,000 men and women in B.C.
  - 9% of B.C.'s economy
- ✓ Progressive Approaches to Representing Workers
  - Fair bidding processes; secret ballot for certification
- ✓ Responsible Resource Development
  - #Get2Yes
- ✓ Strong Economy
  - Free enterprise values, less red tape, lower taxes



# The Evolution of Zombies



1968



1978



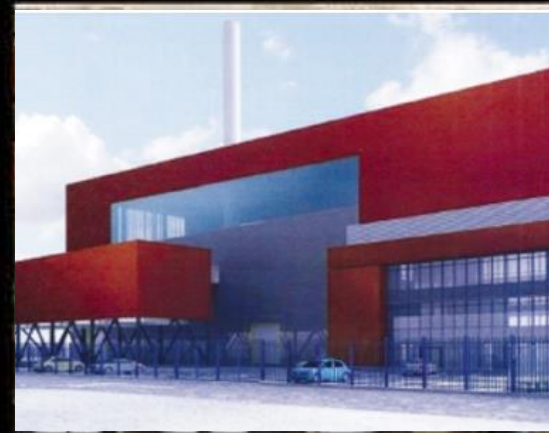
1985



2004



2010



Metro Incinerator



# Metro Vancouver v. Free Enterprise

- When government regulates its competition, it rarely goes well for customers
  - TransLink, BC Ferries, ICBC
- Monopolies, especially government ones, forgo innovation & inevitably create inefficiency
- These changes seem to solve a problem that only exists in Metro Vancouver's mind
- Government should get out of the industry's way as much as possible



# Metro Vancouver v. Less Red Tape

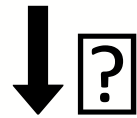
- Red tape always means more cost
  - More time spent by businesses in administration
  - Cost gets passed along to customers
  - Harms affordability
- Red tape damages investment climate
  - How does a business secure capital financing based on a 10-year licence?
  - Makes it more difficult for companies to take risks on innovation



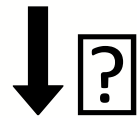


# Metro Vancouver v. Affordability

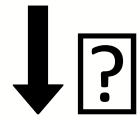
Metro Vancouver increases red tape and cost on your companies



Higher cost gets passed along to contractors  
demolishing/renovating buildings

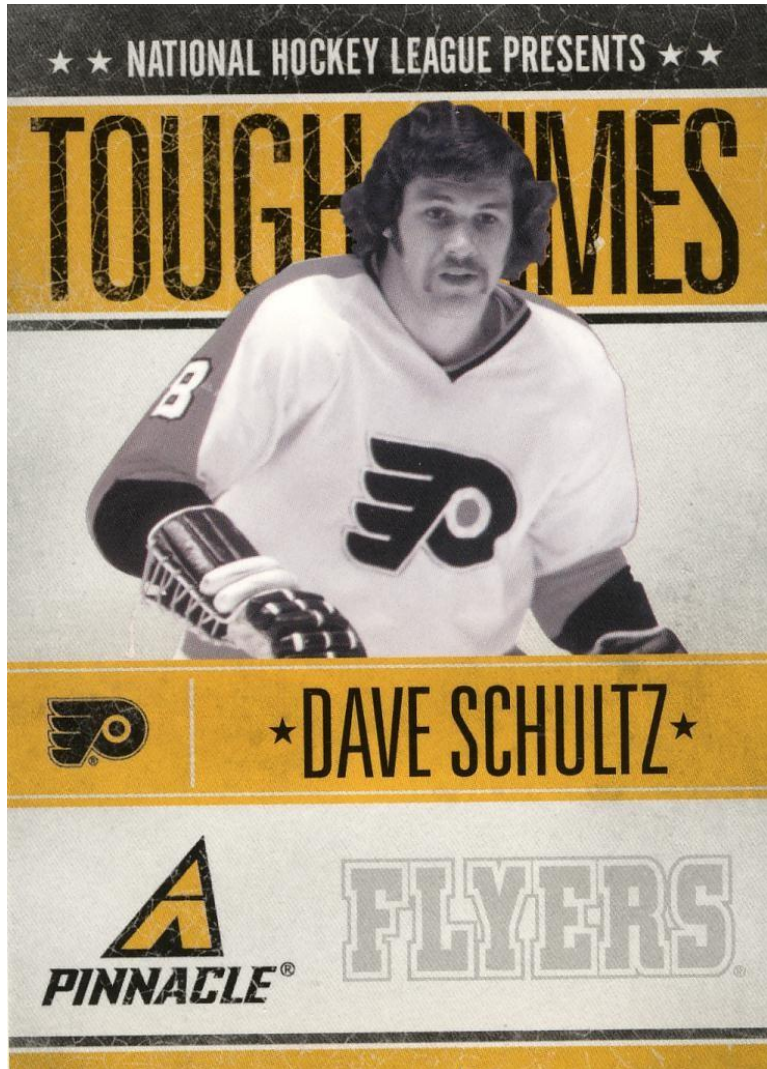


Our contractors pay more for removal



We have to pass that on to our customers

# How Can ICBA Help You & WMABC?



- We're not the experts on this file, you are – we're happy to follow your lead
- We'll express our concerns – assault on free enterprise, government overreach, adding cost to construction
- We're always happy to be the 'tough guy' in a battle with government

# The Ace in the Hole



- Municipal government elections this October
- Much of Metro power base has said they won't run
  - Robertson, Moore, Baldwin, Vision councillors, etc.
- Opportunity for more friendly/better educated candidates to get elected



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