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Gordon Gibson was born in Vancouver in 1937. He attended the University of British Columbia (B.A. Honours Mathematics and Physics '59), Harvard Business School (MBA - Distinction - '61) and subsequently did research work in political science at the London School of Economics.

He has been involved in a number of businesses and is currently on the Board and Chair of the Audit Committee of the Westshore Terminals Income Fund.

In politics, he served as Assistant to the Prime Minister (1968-72) and ran in three federal elections. He was elected to the Legislature of British Columbia in 1974 and served as both MLA and Leader of the British Columbia Liberal Party 1975-79.

He spent 12 years on the Canada West Council co-authoring "Regional Representation" (1981), and authored "What If the Wheels Fall Off?: The Case for a Constituent Assembly" (1992).

In 1994, he joined the Fraser Institute as Senior Fellow in Canadian Studies, specializing in research on federalism and governance. He has published two books on the topic through the Institute entitled "Plan B: The Future of the Rest of Canada" (1994) and "Thirty Million Musketeers: One Canada for All Canadians" (1995) and edited and co-authored "Fixing Canadian Democracy", Fraser Institute, 2003. While now working independently from the Institute, he remains a Senior Fellow.

He has done extensive research and publication on aboriginal issues.

In the fall of 2002, Gibson was commissioned by the British Columbia Government to design the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform.

In September, 2004 Gibson published the monograph Challenges in Senate Reform: Conflicts of Interest, Unintended Consequences, New Possibilities as Public Policy Source Number 83, the Fraser Institute.

Over the years he has been a regular and freelance columnist on a wide range of public policy issues with the Financial Post, the Vancouver Sun, the National Post and (currently)the Globe & Mail.