

In November 2008, the people of Vancouver chose Gregor Robertson as their new Mayor. He was elected on a platform of ending street homelessness in the City of Vancouver by 2015, and making Vancouver the greenest city in the world.

Mayor Robertson is committed to building a sustainable and thriving economy in Vancouver. By working to foster economic hubs in the burgeoning green economy, including digital media, clean technology, and renewable energy, Mayor Robertson is establishing Vancouver internationally as the Green Capital—a City where going green is good for business. Vancouver was recently named the greenest city in Canada by Corporate Knights, as well as predicted to have the fastest growing economy in 2010 by the Conference Board of Canada.

Under Mayor Robertson's leadership, Vancouver has taken swift action on becoming more sustainable by doubling the City's bicycle infrastructure budget, setting the highest electric vehicle charging standards for new buildings in North America, and approving laneway housing. Vancouver now has the greenest building standards in North America, requiring all new buildings to be LEED Gold.

Since being elected, Mayor Robertson and City Council have also expanded the popular car-free days throughout the city, installed protected bicycle lanes on the Burrard Street Bridge and Dunsmuir Viaduct, and launched curbside compost pick-up in Vancouver.

On his first day in office, Mayor Robertson moved quickly on homelessness and established the Mayor's Homeless Emergency Action Team (HEAT). HEAT rapidly opened five low-barrier shelters that immediately filled to capacity, providing close to 500 people a night with a safe, secure place to sleep. The Mayor has since secured over \$333 million in new funding from the provincial government for social housing throughout the City.

Prior to entering politics, Gregor co-founded Happy Planet, and grew the Vancouver-based socially responsible company up to 50 employees in 10 years. Happy Planet produces organic juices and promotes health and nutrition. For his achievements as a successful entrepreneur and community leader, Gregor was named one of Canada's "Top 40 under 40" by The Globe and Mail in 2004.

Gregor and his wife Amy have four children: Terra, Satchel, Jinagh and Johanna. He is a dedicated cyclist, avid soccer fan, and plays the tuba, guitar, and drums.