

*GIVE IT OR GUARD IT* BEGINS - 26 OCTOBER

Guelph: A Rally took place in Guelph. Contact [gan@dojo.tao.ca](mailto:gan@dojo.tao.ca)

Montreal: Activists planned to occupy an empty building slated to be replaced by luxury condos. contact [claclogement@yahoo.ca](mailto:claclogement@yahoo.ca)

Sudbury: The Ontario Common Front - Sudbury and S-CAP held a rally for social housing Friday. A free meal was served, stickers were placed on empty buildings to point out potential housing, and a march went to St. Alouysius, a large unused school building where a banner was dropped from the 3rd floor demanding social housing. Contact [ocfsudbury.cjb.net](mailto:ocfsudbury.cjb.net)

Ottawa: The Ottawa Coalition Against the Tories (OCAT) and Anti-capitalist Community Action (ACA) held a community free store, rally and march on Saturday, October 26th.

Toronto: Give it or Guard it protest and march. In Toronto it was the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty, Toronto Action for Social Change, Toronto Disaster Relief Committee, Union supporters and others.

Visit [www.woodsquat.net](http://www.woodsquat.net) for updates.

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Please note that FWS is a material support group. It does not represent the Woodwards Squat, Woodwards Coalition for Social Housing, or any other of the many groups and individuals currently involved in the DTES housing action.

# W.O.O.D.S.Q.U.A.T. #30

## NEWS FROM HALIFAX

Police temporarily end squat. Five people jailed.  
Halifax Squat Update #3 (27 October)  
Adam S. <[hapi@ziplip.com](mailto:hapi@ziplip.com)>

At approximately 1:00 pm this afternoon police ended the occupation of the abandoned infirmary on Queen St. in Halifax that was being squated in an effort to bring attention to the lack of affordable housing and rent control in the city. The building was held by about a dozen courageous men and women for just under 24 hours before police seized the building, arresting five people. Other anti-poverty activists vow to continue their just campaign for affordable housing, new squats will be opened soon. Jail solidarity actions are taking place in front of the police station on Gottigen St., people are encouraged to come and show your support.

As long as people are on the streets, if they don't give us shelter, we'll take it!

DAY 44 – SUNDAY – 27 OCT 02

CLOCKS “BACK” THIS MORNING  
SUNSET TONIGHT IS AT 5PM!

## Halifax Squat Update #1 (26 October)

Pachungo <elpachungo@hotmail.com>

Just a very quick update...

there are appx. 12-14 people now have entered and are still (8:45pm) inside the old abandoned hospital on Queen Street.

So far only a little resistance from the police when they tried to enter into the building. Three people were thrown to the group as the police forced their way in. The 12-14 people are located on the 4th floor and have barricaded themselves in.

At this point we know nothing about the intentions of the state.

To all who are in Halifax please show your support and come down ANYTIME!!! There is a small group of people out side at ALL times and could use more support. Food, blankets, coffee, battlers etc... anything you could spare would help.

As well, call your local MP, City counselors to voice your concerns for social housing!

More updates to come!

Viva Revolution!

## Halifax Squat Update #2 (27 October)

Jon Elmer, HFX 347am

People barricaded in the old Halifax Infirmary are refusing to leave despite police orders to have the squatters removed from the long-abandoned building. Even now, more than fourteen hours later, many more are huddled under jerry-rigged tarps outside in a futile attempt to stay out of the driving wind and torrential rain, providing support for the group inside demanding that the city convert the building (or one like it) immediately to social housing.

Coinciding with similar "give it or guard it!" actions against the shameful state of public and social housing across Canada - including Vancouver, Sudbury, Guelph, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal - the Halifax squat is a clear message that people are no longer willing to freeze to death on the street while the slow-grind of federal and provincial bureaucrats who promise little and deliver even less.

The police have warned that they will be evicting those inside, almost all of whom would otherwise be curled up cold and wet in the doorway of a store.

More information when its available, but until then resources and support are welcomed and encouraged at the Halifax Infirmary on Queen St south of Spring Garden.

Updates: <http://maritimes.indymedia.org>