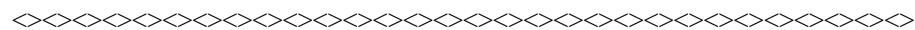


Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters Demands

1. Develop Woodward's as social housing immediately.
There must be an allotment of housing in the building for aboriginal people equal to or greater than the percentage of aboriginal people in the Downtown Eastside.
2. Reverse the cuts to social housing and all social services.
3. Draft a civic anti-vacancy by-law to seize and convert empty, abandoned buildings into social housing.
4. Full disclosure of all information regarding the proposed sale and development of the building.
5. The Federal government must fund and support the development of aboriginal business in the proposed commercial storefronts on the ground floor of Woodward's. These storefronts must also include an urban native self-governing office with drop-in / support services and culturally sensitive native liaison workers from the community.
6. Decent and dignified immediate shelter for all homeless squatters forced from Woodward's and asked to leave the sidewalk in front of the building.



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**SQUAT MEETING
TODAY FRIDAY 3-4 PM
327 CARRALL STREET
NEXT TO PIGEON PARK
ALL WELCOME!**

DAY 63 – FRIDAY – 15 NOV 02

MEETING AGENDA

- (1) PICK PEOPLE TO CHAIR MEETING & TAKE SPEAKERS LIST
- (2) PROPOSAL FOR AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (40 MINUTES)
- (3) UPDATE ON THE FIGHT AGAINST THE INJUNCTION (20 MINUTES)
- (4) NEXT MEETING TO DISCUSS ONGOING SQUAT MANAGEMENT

PROPOSAL FOR A SQUAT ERT

Why we need an Emergency Response Team:

1. City Hall and the Police have already proved that they are willing to attack the squat, arrest people and trash belongings... (remember the eviction and the sidewalk cleaning the next day?)
2. The City has already proved that it is not willing or able to provide housing for all the homeless people in the city or even at the squat... (remember Judy Graves? How many people has she found housing for?)
3. We have already proved that we are strong when we stick together and weak when we are divided... (people were homeless before this squat started... what options were there then? What voice did we have then? None. None. That's how the city and the police want it to be again.)

What is an Emergency Response Team?

A small, elected group of squatters and supporters who are trusted to find a new location to move the tent city to... and / or a new building to squat when the injunction is eventually passed and the Woodward's sidewalk is eventually cleared.

It must be a separate, small, elected, trustworthy group so that they can keep this information secret... it is NOT a group that would act on its own... any movement must still be controlled by the whole group of Squatters... the "ERT" would be trusted to plan ahead so we are not caught by surprise.

UPDATE ON THE INJUNCTION

Five lawyers are working to fight the injunction. Aaron from Friends of the Woodward's Squat has attended two meetings with the lawyers and will present an overview of their legal strategy in the last 20 minutes of the meeting and open the floor for discussion.

COURT PROCEEDINGS ON 19-20 NOVEMBER

On both days the court proceedings should run from about 10-12:30 with a break for lunch then pick up again from 2-4pm.

On the first day the City will present a case in favour of its application.

On the second day the five lawyers will present arguments against the injunction and 10 squatters will be able to appear to speak for 5 minutes each.

A rough outline of Day two is:

1. David Mossop (Opening Remarks - 5 minutes)
2. Patrick Dickie (60 minutes)
3. John Richardson (45 minutes)
4. Noah Quastel (30 minutes)
5. Cameron Ward (30 minutes)
6. David Mossop (45 minutes)
7. Squatters (60 minutes)

On Monday David Mossop wants to meet with people to decide on an order for the squatters' presentations and make suggestions about speaking in court

WE WILL WIN!