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Good Afternoon. My name is Aaron Vidaver and I am here as a delegate of the Friends of the Woodward's Squat, ~~and I am also a member of the committee of the Woodward's Coalition for Socail Housing responsible for the Woodward's 58 Legal Defense Fund and the legal suit currently being prepared against the Vancouver City Police Deparment for destroying the personal possessions of the homeless camped on Abbott Street on 22 September 2002.~~ ~~I am here as a delegate from Friends of the Woodward's Squat and do not represent either the Defense Fund nor any committes of the squat or the coalition in my capacity here today.~~ Friends of the Woodward's Squat is a support group that provided assistance with supplies and garbage removal during the inside occupation of the building and now assists residents with <sup>material</sup> legal support. We do not represent the Squat and receive no public funding, direct or indirect, from any government agency. We do publish a daily newsletter called *W.O.O.D.S.Q.U.A.T.* and maintain a web page at [www.woodsquat.net](http://www.woodsquat.net). I've brought several issues pertinent to our concerns for you: First, issue #17 which contains a preliminary inventory of items destroyed or stolen by the Vancouver Police Department on 21 & 22 of September. Second, issue #20 which ~~contains two reports from the Vancouver Police Board, one by a representative from the Squat who was able to enter the board meeting and put two pointed questions to the Board regarding (a) the property destroyed or confiscated on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September and (b) the reasons why the City and VPD are currently seeking an injunction and enforcement order to remove peaceful non-violent homeless people from the sidewalks on Abbott, Hastings and Cordova. The second report is from outside the room by a representative from Homes Not Jail, another support group, which provides a description of the police presence, in particular the volume and bulk of assault weaponry on the person of 17 riot officers. We have also included three issues of the newsletter which contain transcripts of interviews with three squat residents who participated in the occupation of the building and remain in the tent city outside.~~

While our organization has not had time to review Policy Report RTS No. 03026, released to the public five days ago on 17 October, we believe that the housing crisis in the downtown eastside requires immediate attention. The crisis must be addressed by the City by 25 October in conjunction with the BC Government and BC Housing. An immediate political solution is required and this must occur prior to any deliberations over the logistics of the long-term redevelopment of the building and the volume of cooperative public housing that will exist in it. There are an average of 157 homeless people living at the Woodward's Squat per day. Tomorrow is Day 40 of the Woodward's Squat. The leaves began falling from the trees two days ago. Our citizens and residents must not be <sup>left</sup> housed on the street in dangerous alleys and in parks this winter and we expect you to announce what you are going to do about it by the end of the business day on 25 October. That's this Friday. If you fail to act by this time, our organization will <sup>moderate</sup> ~~proceed with an endorsement and "promote"~~ <sup>endorse</sup> participation in the nation-wide "Give it or Guard it" campaign. This is our first demand.

*and actively encourage others to proceed with militant + dedicated*

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We have three others. First, we demand that the City disclose all information regarding the involvement of the Engineering Department in the Police actions of 22 September. The City worked in conjunction with the VPD to destroy the possessions of Vancouver's homeless—blankets, pants, shirts, socks, shoes, jackets, IDs, medications, diaries, food—you can read our preliminary list for yourselves, if you can stomach it. We can't and we won't. Second, and this is a multi-part demand, we demand that the City, through the Mayor's role in the Vancouver Police Board, bring immediate disciplinary action against Jamie Graham for his unreasonable use of police force in the evictions of 21-22 September, the police action at the Britannia Daycare on 03 October and the ~~subsequent~~ <sup>inexplicable</sup> detainment of arrestees at the Canadian Tire parking lot at 1400 East Hastings that same day <sup>follows this</sup> as well as the subsequent targetting, harassment and arrest of citizens involved in the Britannia demonstration on 04 and 05 October. We demand that the ongoing harassment of the Woodward's homeless cease immediately in particular the misuse of police vehicles to intimidate the homeless at night. We demand to know who ordered the police action on the afternoon of 20 October when 11 VPD motorcycle officers stopped on Abbott Street and yelled threats about "moving day," to name but one example. Our homeless population in Vancouver now lives in fear of police violence during the day as well as during the night. This must end. You can stop it. We demand that you stop ~~them~~ <sup>it</sup>. Our third demand is that you recognize and act upon in a timely fashion the entirely reasonable demands of the Woodward's Coalition for Social Housing and the Anti-Poverty Committee insofar as those demands are within your area of functional responsibility. <sup>and 17 other community groups involved in the</sup>

I would like to end on a personal note. I've lived in Vancouver all my life, that is, since three days after I was born, on September 28, 1969. I expect to live out the rest of my life in this city and I expect that we will win at Woodward's and we will win in the downtown eastside. We will win. <sup>I expect that.</sup>

~~I would not like to ask  
Council if they understood  
these four demands—~~

Does Council understand  
these four demands?

I am available over next 3 days  
to clarify any ambiguities—

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Updated October 22, 2002

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - OCTOBER 22, 2002**

**A G E N D A**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER - 2:00 P.M.**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*Agendas and reports are available on the City of Vancouver web site (<http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca>) approximately one week before the meeting date.*

*Late reports (so noted) are put on the web site when they are received in the Office of the City Clerk.*

*Minutes are available on the web site approximately two days after the meeting.*

For information regarding the Council meeting, please call  
Charlene Imai at 604.871.6355 or Tarja Tuominen at 873-7191.

**PRAYER**

**ROLL CALL**

**PROCLAMATION: Poppy Week**

**PRESENTATION: 3:45 P.M. - 2002 City of Vancouver Book Awards**

**IN CAMERA" MEETING**

**MOVER: Councillor**

**SECONDER: Councillor**

THAT Council will go into a meeting later this day which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2 (1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph(s):

- (d) the security of property of the city;
- (h) litigation or potential litigation affecting the City;
- (i) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose.

## **ITEMS ARISING FROM THE "IN CAMERA" MEETING OF OCTOBER 8, 2002**

- Council approved the following recipients for the 2002 Cultural Harmony Award:  
A First Step Ahead Foundation - Organization Award  
John Halani - Individual Award

## **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

1. Regular Council (City Services and Budgets) - October 3, 2002
2. Regular Council - October 8, 2002

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **CITY MANAGER'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. M.V. Magic Moment - David Charles Kane - Class 'A' (Motor Vessel) Liquor License
2. North Foot of Burrard Street - Pride of Vancouver Charters Ltd. - Class 'A' (Motor Vessel) Liquor License
3. New Chess Street Works Yard Award of Tender for Mechanical Systems
4. Award of Tender PS02044 - Supply and Delivery of De-icing Salt
5. Rental Agreements: 2111 West 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 2630 Arbutus Street, 2680 Arbutus Street and 2065 West 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue
6. Contract Extensions: Contract No. PS99046 Light Duty Vehicles - Brand Standardization and Contract No. PS00035 Supply & Delivery of Ford Light Duty Vehicles
7. The Vancouver Police Historical Society - Lease of City-owned Premises at 238 - 240 East Cordova Street (Requires eight affirmative votes)
  - (i) Memo dated September 25, 2002, from the Deputy City Manager, refers.

8. Amendment to Vehicle for Hire By-law No. 6066 - Private Impoundment Towing Rate and Drop Charge
9. Heating Plant Conversion, Queen Elizabeth Theatre Additional Fuel Cost
10. Proposed Lease of a Volumetric Portion of Georgia Street and Dunsmuir Street
11. Heather Pavilion (2733 Heather Street) - Heritage Revitalization Agreement

### **CITY MANAGER'S POLICY REPORTS**

1. 711 West Broadway (Holiday Inn) - Amendment to Rezoning Condition
2. Woodward's Proposal: Heritage Incentives and Housing Agreement - 101 West Hastings Street
  - (i) Administrative Report dated August 21, 2002, entitled, "Woodward's Building Redevelopment - Encroachment Agreement for Existing Canopies" refers.
  - Late Distribution**
  - (ii) Memo dated October 28, 2002, from the Director of Housing refers.

### **RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **ADOPT REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

### **BY-LAWS**

1. A By-law to amend By-law No. 7648, being a By-law which amended the Zoning and Development By-law by rezoning an area to CD-1 (711 West Broadway [705 West Broadway]) (Subject to approval of Policy Report 1)  
(Councillor Kennedy excused from voting on By-law 1)
2. A By-law to amend Zoning and Development By-law No. 3575 (Schedule C Landscape Setbacks)

3. A By-law to amend Noise Control By-law No. 6555 to regulate the hours for testing emergency generators
4. A By-law to authorize Council entering into a Heritage Revitalization Agreement with the Owner of Heritage Property (2733 Heather Street) (Subject to approval of Administrative Report 11)

## **MOTIONS**

### **A. Administrative Motions**

1. Closing portion of the lane north of Grandview Highway North, east of Nanaimo Street

MOVER: Councillor McCormick  
SECONDER: Councillor Don Lee

2. Approval of Form of Development: CD-1 - 711 West Broadway (Subject to approval of By-law 1)

MOVER: Councillor McCormick  
SECONDER: Councillor Don Lee

### **B. Motions on Notice**

1. Social Sustainability of the Woodward's redevelopment

MOVER: Councillor Bass  
SECONDER: Councillor

**Note: A request to speak on Motion B.1 has been received.**

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

## **ENQUIRIES AND OTHER MATTERS**

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

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