

## **WOODSQUAT WITNESSING SHIFTS**

### **The Role of a *Woodsquat Witness***

The Injunction has been served at the Woodwards tent city and may be enforced at anytime. The safety of the Woodwards Squatters relies on the presence of credible supporters to witness, record, and by their very presence even prevent the potential policing actions during the coming week.

If the police are at the Squat for reasons unrelated to enforcement of the injunction please consult with the Squatters as to whether the police activity is unusual. There is always a heavy police presence in the neighborhood and the residents can help you assess the seriousness of the situation. If in doubt call the legal support number and we will help assess the situation.

Your role does NOT include intervening in internal squat problems, the squat has its own security which is skilled in dealing with internal conflict.

We are providing a Log Book for Witnesses to record what happened on shift. Please make an entry even if only to note that the shift was uneventful.

### **If Police Move In**

Your responsibilities are to:

- call for legal support - 604 727 8471
- take pictures and/or video tape police activity
- write down what is happening and try to record officers badge numbers or names

It is your legal right to observe police activity from a reasonable distance. "Reasonable Distance" is based on an individual officer's discretion, however 10-15 ft away is average.

The Witness Shifts overlap, please meet the next shift at Abbott and Hastings 1/2 an hour before your shift ends to pass on the Log Book, give them a copy of this leaflet and debrief.

# STATEMENT FOR POLICE

**Officer, I have the right to assemble on this sidewalk.**

**The injunction states that "this injunction order does not prohibit or limit the right of the defendants, or any other persons, to lawfully assemble on any street or any part thereof."**

**The Charter of rights and freedoms guarantees my right. If I am under arrest or being detained, please tell me so. If I am free to go please tell me so. If I am under arrest please tell me why. I want to exercise all of my legal rights including my right to silence and my right to speak to a lawyer before I say anything to you. Until I speak with a lawyer, I will not willingly cooperate with any request you make unless you command me and explain to me why.**

**Thank you for respecting my rights.**

**To speak to a lawyer call (legal aid):  
1-888-978-0050**

**Tell the lawyer that you are a  
Woodwards Squatter or Supporter**

**CALL 604 727 8471  
IF YOU HAVE ANY  
QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS**