

# Chronology & Documentation of the Woodward's Squat with Notes on Friends of the Woodward's Squat Activities

- Pre-Squat**                      Community Action letter – **Jim Leyden** (add diagrams)
- Day 01 – 09/14**                Noon rally at Victory Square. Squat opens with 12 residents. Banners hung from W tower.
- Rally to Resist the Cuts flyer – **Peoples Opposition**  
Resist the Cuts poster – **Peoples Opposition**  
Rally speeches – (to obtain)  
Immediate Support Needed – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
25 Photographs – **Marwan Marwan**  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
2 sets of photographs of Banner being hung – (missing)  
12 Photographs – **Marginalized Worker's Action League**  
Vancouver Sun faked photo with banner photoshopped out – **Vancouver Sun**
- Day 02 – 09/15**                Squat grows to 25 residents. Support rally 6pm.
- Support Demonstration for Woodward's Squat – **Anti-Poverty Committee?**  
Rally speeches (to obtain)  
~~In The Courts or In The Streets – **Kaspar Learn**~~  
~~We Will Not Submit to Corporate Domination – **Anti-Human**~~  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
20 Photographs – **Marwan Marwan**
- Day 03 – 09/16**                VPD serves court injunction order. Squat grows to 50+ residents.
- Injunction Proceedings – **British Columbia Supreme Court** (to obtain)  
Injunction Order & Enforcement Order – **British Columbia Supreme Court**  
Four Updates – **Marwan, Azad, Ken**  
The Woodward's Squat – **Insurrectionary Anarchists of the Coast Salish Territories**  
Report to squat.net – **Sabate**  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
Starting a Revolution – **Illara Sunsum**
- Day 04 – 09/17**                Enforcement order in effect, 8am. Application for leave to appeal. Support the Woodward's Squat Committee forms. Friends of the Woodward's Squat forms. Squat grows to 100 residents.
- Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
Notice of Application for Leave to Appeal – **Cameron Ward**  
Letter to George Abbott – **Cameron Ward**  
"Support the Woodward's Squat" Committee – **Bradley Hughes**  
28 Photographs – **Marwan Marwan**  
Videorecording – **IMC**
- Day 05 – 09/18**                Press conference.
- Press Conference Statements – (to obtain)  
Letter to City of Vancouver – **Cameron Ward**  
Exchange Between Ivan Drury and VPD – **two2the8th** (to transcribe)  
Call for Support – **Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters**  
Demonstration for Social Housing – **Anti-Poverty Committee?**  
Woodward's Squat Update – **two2the8th**  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)
- Circulate call for support.
- Day 06 – 09/19**                400 attend rally to defend the squat, 5pm. 150 residents inside, 100 outside.  
*invite Ramsey etc.*  
*Fred Bass shows*

Callout – **Fennel**  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
Rally flyer – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and Supporters**  
Rally poster – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and Supporters**  
Woodwards Squatters Denounce Police Threats – **Jim Leyden**  
37 Photographs – **Marwan Marwan**  
Videorecording and interviews – **IMC**  
Canada Is All Native Land: Non-Natives Are All Squatters – **Theresa Gray**

Day 07 – 09/20

Working TV squat documentary distributed over internet. Press conference, 2pm. Last inside general meeting, 9pm-midnight. Construction of barricades.

Support the Woodward Squat! Flyer – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and Supporters**  
Woodwards Squat: Activists open vacant Woodward building for free housing – **Working TV**  
Meeting Minutes – (missing)  
Woodwards Squat, Friday Sept. 20 – **Nicole Lindsay**  
More From The Local Revolution – **Illara Sunsum**

WS#1: Woodward Squatters Denounce Police Threats & Woodward Chronology

Day 08 – 09/21

First eviction, 6:30am. The Woodward 54 arrested and taken into custody.

Call for Witnesses – **Anonymous**  
Callout for Support – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**  
Videorecordings of first eviction – **IMC**  
Videorecordings – **Javier Carranza-Maldonado & Elisha Burrows** (to obtain)  
Police videorecordings – **Vancouver Police Department**  
Arrest Reports – **Vancouver Police Department** (to obtain)  
Legal Proceedings – **British Columbia Supreme Court** (to obtain)  
Jail Release Form – **British Columbia Supreme Court** (to obtain)  
IMC Interviews – **Shannon Bundock & Kerry Pakarinen** (not transcribed)  
Summary Report from the Courthouse – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**  
Woodward Squat Continues Despite Police Raid – **Nicole Lindsay**  
We Are Human Too – **Philip Lo**

Email: Call for Support, 2am.  
Attend BC Supreme Court, 11am-2pm  
Email: Report from the Courthouse on the Woodward 54  
WS#2: W54 Conditions, Court Report, Statements & Demands

Day 09 – 09/22

General meeting at Carnegie Centre, 10am. Picnic and rally, 1pm. Tent City erected on Abbott Street. Police raid political meeting and arrest ten residents including their lawyer. Possessions are destroyed in City garbage vehicles. Second eviction, 11pm.

Poster for Carnegie Meeting and Picnic – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and Supporters**  
Indymedia Reporter Goes To Jail With Woodward Squatters – **Michael Sider**  
Only a Partial Ending – **Illara Sunsum**  
Wholly Shit! – **Illara Sunsum**  
Woodward 58 Legal Info – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**  
A History of the Woodward Squat: Days 8 & 9: Eviction & Tent City – **Ivan Drury**  
Interview – **Chief Ricky Lavallie**  
Minutes from Carnegie Meeting – (to obtain [kept by Ann Livingston])  
Rally speeches – (to obtain)  
Rally photographs – (to obtain)  
Rally video – (to obtain)  
Photograph of Lavallie – **Anonymous?**

Attend Meeting at Carnegie 10-noon.  
Distribute arrest sheet legal info.  
Sit at info table at picnic, 1-5pm, with old KSW desk.  
Collect documents and talk with hordes of people about reno.  
Meeting, 5pm.

Check IMC to find out about 11pm Police Attack, cab back, 11:30pm.  
Arrive just after the wash-down.

Day 10 – 09/23 Jail support, midnight-6am. Arrestees released at 10am. Rally at Victory Square. Noon march to Abbott Street to resurrect tent city. Police retreat from area. Demo called for Day 11.

Report on Second Eviction – **IMC**  
Report on Second Eviction – **MWAL**  
Night Time Woodward Sidewalk Cleanup – **J.W. McLewin, Manager of Sanitation Branch**  
Woodwards Squatters Fight Police Brutality and Unlawful Arrest – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
Call for Demo – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
Call for Action – **Bev Meslo**  
Swept Under the Rug Again – **Azad**  
Victory Square Addresses – **Jim Leyden, Bev Meslo, Ivan Drury, Chris Livingstone**  
Press Statement – **Kerry Pakarinen** (to be transcribed)  
23 Witness Statements – **Various** (to be transcribed)  
*Preliminary List of Objects Destroyed by the Vancouver Police Department – FWS, comp.*  
Vancouver Police Illegally Detain Local Lawyer Following Police Raid – **Pivot Legal Society**  
VANDU videorecording of second eviction – **Dean Wilson** (to obtain)  
Kandie videorecording of second eviction – **Douglas Kandie**  
IMC videorecordings of second eviction – **IMC** (to obtain)  
Videorecordings – **Javier Carranza-Maldonado & Elisha Burrows** (to obtain)  
Photographs of second eviction – **Illara Sunurn**  
Photographs of second eviction – **Sid Chow Tan** (to obtain)  
Arrest Reports – **Vancouver Police Department** (to obtain)  
Jail Release Form – **Vancouver Police Department** (to obtain)  
Support Letter from Costa Rica – **Beth Clarke**  
Stirring the Horests Nest – **Illara Sunurn**  
Woodwards Squat: Another Campbell Failure – **Pete Dimitrov**

Jail support midnight-4:30am.  
Record 23 audio witness statements.  
Return to KSW with Sarah to crash.  
Digitize & upload witness statements to IMC.  
WS#3: We Will Win: News of Police Attack & Photographs by Illara Sunurn.  
Squat meeting, 6pm (see notes?)  
FWS meeting, 8pm (what happened?)

## CONTINUE THROUGH IMC ORIGINALS ONLINE FOR DOCS

Day 11 – 09/24 500 attend rally to defend the squat, 6pm. Police promise not to raid overnight. Negotiation committee sends letter to Abbott. Tent City in Toronto closed by Police.

Letter to George Abbott – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and Supporters**  
Jails are not Appropriate Social Housing – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**  
Rally! All out to Defend Woodward Squatters! poster & flyer – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
Demonstration Draws Over 500 – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
Audio recording of Rally – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**  
Song & Drumming – **Chief Ricky Lavallie**  
Audio recording of Police exchange – **Friends of the Woodward Squat**

Transcribe & upload four Victory Square speeches to IMC.  
Send Letter to BC Housing, Police, City and BC Govt  
WS#4: Victory Square Addresses & Letter to BC Housing, Police, City and BC Govt  
Attend demo at 6pm and hang out until 9pm, negotiate with police.  
Transcribe & upload police promise to IMC.  
Email: Pivot Legal Society about legal support work.  
Email: Ivan Drury.  
Digitize minutes 09/23, demo 09/24, Flying Folk Army.

Day 12 – 09/25 Squat Meeting to revise demands, 10am. “Homeless Committee” meeting featuring Bev Melso as the chair. Squat meeting, 8pm.

First Eight Resolutions of the Homeless Committee – **Bev Meslo**

**The Hornets Unleashed – Illara Sunsum**

Conversations at squat with Gavin, Craig, Brody, 7:40am-10am.  
Attend 10am meeting.  
Email: Legal Team exchange.  
WS#5: New Writing from the Woodward's Squat & Support Letter from Costa Rica.  
Reprint WS#1-4 x 50 each.  
Purchase 22 chairs & table for squat.  
Legal work.  
Host 8pm meeting at KSW to plan Occupation.  
Attend informal meeting, 10pm, Metropole.

Day 13 – 09/26

Squat safety meeting, 10am. \$7300 street donation. Finance committee meeting, 1:30pm.

Conversations at squat with Ricky and security, 8am.  
Distribute three disposable cameras.  
Compile squat phone book, 9am.  
Email: Livingstone.  
Security meeting, 10am.  
Broker \$7300 donation.  
Attend finance committee meeting, sort of, 1:30pm.  
Develop film.

Day 14 – 09/27

Occupation of BC Housing Office.

Hardcore for the Homeless flyer & poster – Cobalt  
Resident Identification Card Version 1 – **The Woodward's Squat**

Conversations at squat with Ricky, 8am.  
Email: Legal.  
Record statements for WS#6.  
Speak with Joy.  
Prepare WS package for Meslo who has already left.  
WS#6: Punk Issue: Writing & Photographs.  
Print 60 "resident" cards for Cobalt.  
Review footage at IMC office of Occupation.  
Attend "Hardcore for the Homeless" Gig at Cobalt.

Day 15 – 09/28

CWSS meeting at Carnegie, 1pm. Finance committee, 10pm.

Meeting poster – **Coalition of Woodward's Squatters and Supporters**

Conversations with Chris, Chrystal, Theresa at squat, 8:30am.  
Attend general meeting 1pm.  
Visit Chris Barton in hospital.  
Host finance committee at KSW 10pm.

Day 16 – 09/29

Squat meeting, noon: 3 demands & 5 strategies added. 100 residents.

Just When It Became Safe To Go Outside - **Illara Sunsum**

Serve breakfast and coffee, 7am-11am.  
Print squat cards.  
Open KSW for showers for Tom & Travis.  
Conversations at squat, 8pm.

Day 17 – 09/30

CWSS Outreach campaign begins. 105 residency cards issued. 125 residents counted.

Resident Identification Card Version 2 – **The Woodward's Squat**

Interview with Craig Ballantyne, 7am.  
Edit WS#7-8-9 concurrently.  
Interview Liz Brown.

Lend Liz KSW facilities.  
Cash to Kaspar.  
Visit to DERA to speak with Lily about toilets.  
At APC speak with Debbie, Devon, Calvin about support.  
Work on web page.  
Email: APC support letter.  
Print 105 ID cards and 30 blank ones.  
Print database grid.  
Meeting at Metropole with APC.  
Host Shane, Charles, Andrea to sleep at KSW.

Day 18 – 10/01 CWSS Outreach meeting, 1pm. Legal meeting, 4pm. 140 Residents.  
Call to complete list of property destroyed by police. Inventory of squat.

Visit squat 5-6am.  
Help Shane with Coffee from Dugout, 8am.  
Lend Liz KSW facilities, 10am. (Liz leaves).  
Transcribe Ballantyne interview.  
WS#7: Roughing It In The City – An interview with Craig Ballantyne.  
Attend Outreach committee meeting at APC, 1pm.  
Attend Legal committee meeting at APC, 4pm.  
Prepare list of property destroyed by police and squat inventory.  
Cash to Skyy.  
Evening talking with various people at squat.

Day 19 – 10/02 Squat Food Committee Meeting, 3pm. "Real Homeless  
Committee" Meeting, 6pm, Melso agitates against second kitchen and  
\$1200 given to Bev Jones to travel home. Chris Barton Released from  
Hospital. CWSS Meeting to Approve Revised Demands, 8pm.

Points of Unity and Strategy of the Coalition – **Coalition of Woodward Squatters and  
Supporters**

Morning at squat.  
Woodsquat #8: Protect Your Stuff.  
Listen in on Meslo meeting, 6pm.

Day 20 – 10/03 Silence Gordon Campbell Rally at UBC, 10am. Britannia Police Riot  
and Arrest of The Britannia Nine. Legal meeting at APC, 6pm. Jail  
Support.

Silence Gordon Campbell Rally poster – **Anti-Poverty Committee**  
IMC Report.  
30 Photographs of Britannia Police Riot – **Sarah Stierch**

Early-morning safety logistics with Shane, 1am.  
Woodsquat #9: Rally at UBC & Calls for Support. (x200)  
Help get people loaded onto bus, 10am.  
Meet with Chrystal.  
Prepare legal statements.  
Attend Legal meeting, 6pm  
Jail support.

Day 21 – 10/04 Jail support con't. CWSS Outreach Committee Meeting, 2pm.

Email updates to Liz, Nathan, Clare, 6am.  
Back and forth to jail twice.  
To juvenile detention with Benerice.

Day 22 – 10/05 Victory Square Rally & Concert, noon. Squat Meeting to discuss  
sidewalk injunction, 10pm. Ivan Drury arrested, 11:15pm.

Victory Square rally poster – **Cobolt LeBlanc**  
Victory Square rally speeches – **Toecutter, Skyy Mott, Zeus**  
Ivan Drury Arrest Report – **Vancouver Police Department** (to obtain)

Conversation with Mildred, Kerry, Travis, 7am.  
Return with Ken and Nathan to KSW for phone and email.  
Speak with Lily about toilet, 10am.  
Woodsquat #10: The Britannia Nine (x100).  
Digitize Toecutter, Skyy, Zeus speeches; work on transcripts.  
Reprint of Woodsquat #5: Punk Issue (x50 oversized).  
Edit web page, 7-9pm.  
Attend ad hoc meeting to discuss sidewalk injunction, 10pm.  
Interview with Chrystal & digitize.  
Visit to APC to hear about Drury arrest then spread news.

Day 23 – 10/06

Squat Meeting, 3pm. WLDC Meeting to Determine Goals, 4pm. CWSS Negotiation Committee Meeting, 5pm. Chris Keats Arrested. Queen Elizabeth II visit.

The Queen Visits Woodward's – **Murray Bush**

Host Shane at KSW where there's a break-in with a hydraulic device.  
Ill and miss all meetings.

Day 24 – 10/07

"Day of Defiance" March to the Squat.

4 Photographs

Drive to squat, 5am, help with security.  
Conversations with Toecutter, Angel, Jean.  
Speak with Sonya Jensen from SFU regarding dinners.  
Legal Defense Committee work.

Day 25 – 10/08

Woodsquat.net Launched. Skyy leaves Squat. Angel leaves Squat. Bev Jones back.

Woodsquat #11: Victory Square Speeches (x100).  
Woodsquat #12: The Britannia Nine Update #2 (x100).  
Drive Skyy to Bus terminal. See Angel off too. Bev back.  
Back and forth at squat and KSW.  
Converse with Pilipa, recuperator: "get them out of the tent city and onto welfare."  
Work on ewb page rest til 10pm then send out notice.  
Report from Shane 10:30pm on safety at squat.

Day 26 – 10/09

To squat, converse with Craig, Mike, Travis, Vanessa, serve juice.  
Letter to The Vancouver City Archives.  
Letter to Britannia 9 Extending Support.  
Woodsquat #13: Photographs from March & Free Web Pages.