

# The Woodward's Negotiation Team

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Dear Premier Campbell,

We are sorry to hear about your incident. We invite you to come down to the Dominion Hotel on Thursday, January 30th to share your experiences with alcohol and substance misuse. We could use your input on the experimental four-step program proposed by Bruce Alexander and Jonathan Tsou. We appreciate the efforts of the Portland Hotel Society and look forward to your future support for our community during this transition. If you are unable to attend on the 30th please let us know when we can get together: we will come and meet with you at your convenience. We may be reached at 604-681-6666.

Yours truly,



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## **EX-SQUATTERS INVITE PREMIER TO DISCUSS ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE MISUSE**

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Today the Premier was invited to meet with ex-Woodward's squatters to discuss alcohol and substance misuse.

A letter sent by spokesperson Dayl Scheltgen of the Woodward's Emergency Response Team and Negotiation Team, stated, "we are sorry to hear about your incident" and asked the Premier to meet to "share your experiences with alcohol and substance misuse."

The letter asked the Premier to consider the stimulant maintenance program for cocaine users proposed by researchers Bruce Alexander and Jonathan Tsou. The squatters also acknowledged the efforts of the Portland Hotel Society in the management of their new temporary shelter at the Dominion Hotel.

The requested meeting is set for Thursday, January 30th.

The Woodward's Emergency Response Team was elected by squat residents on November 23, 2002. The Woodward's Negotiation Team was elected by squat residents on December 10, 2002 to negotiate the terms of the take-down of the squat on December 14 with the City of Vancouver and the re-development of the Woodward's building as co-operative social housing with the Province of British Columbia (forthcoming). The two Teams are the only elected representatives of the Woodward's squatters.

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