

Subject: FW: Vancouver v. Seattle Streets

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> Thank you for your email which has been circulated for information to
> the Mayor, Councillors, and the City Manager.

I appreciate that, Kathy. If we had a problem with people throwing junk or animals into the streets we might want a by-laws which say you can take junk and animals in off the streets but you cannot throw them out. Indeed, we have such by-laws don't we? And they are pretty well enforced aren't they?

Now we have shelters and social housing which take people in off the street and we have a by-law which says that people can't sleep on the streets which I think reasonably means that those who administer shelters can't legally force people into the street to sleep. When that by-law is enforced we have a good start on solving the problem of homelessness which generally contributes to unsafe, unhealthy and littered streets.

What do we then do with ~1,000 people for whom we are told there presently are no sleeping quarters? Police and social workers can take them off the streets to those who provide shelters like Lookout Society. The only thing the shelters can do in the short term is arrange for tenting or mobile trailers like those Atco and Britco sell. Tenting is used in Seattle. Some of it may even have to be out in the Valley. That puts pressure on the rest of the system to build proper housing. BUT IN THE MEANTIME THE STREET IS NOT AN OPTION. It is illegal, unhealthy and not good for anybody. If Seattle has clean streets it probably has a lot to do with not allowing people to sleep on them.

EE

> Subject: Re: [EXTREME_PUNISHMENT_FOR_POLITICAL_PURPOSE] Medical FACTS
> and Abuse of the Mentally Ill by Your Government

> BCTV contrasted the clean streets of Seattle with the dirty and
> littered streets of BC on the six o'clock news tonight. But the
> greatest litter on the streets of Vancouver is caused by the refusal
> of Mayor Campbell to enforce sound and reasonable by-laws which are
> for the protection of ALL CITIZENS AND VISITORS, just as surely as
> no-jay-walking by-laws. Decide for yourself which is mor important.

> Humans are allowed to be thrown into the streets and directed to be
> thrown into the streets by the Administration of the Campbells while
> dogs and furniture cannot be thrown into the streets. And those human
> beings are not allowed so much as a tent to stave off exposure and
> homeless related illness as they are in Seattle.

> So let's establish the FACTS about this systematic and purposeful
> punishment, particularly as it is used by quack medicine to "treat"
> the mentally ill in Vancouver.

> EE

>> Perhaps it is your Ministry of Health which should be called upon to
>> present the facts about how your government is systematically,
>> purposefully and differentially abusing the mentally ill in BC. For
>> example, how would Dr. Blatherwick elaborate upon his word
>> "hazardous"
>> before the Supreme Court of BC?

>> This is not about "cut-backs", Mr. Campbell. Budgets have waxed and
>> waned and there have been cut-backs since the first government in
>> history. It is about the FACTS in the widescale abuse of thousands of

>> mental patients in BC.

>> I trust that CBCTV, CTV, News 1130 and Vancouver Courier will show as

>> much interest in these facts as they did about the effect of last
>> winter's cold snap on the mentally ill at Lookout-Hazelton. What are
>> the FACTS about the "hazards" of shelters whose programming,
>> apparently at the direction of your government, uses the street as
>> great time-out room for the mentally ill in warm weather and cold
>> weather? How many so far have had physical and mental health damaged
>> by this quackery? How many have been killed? Just the FACTS, please
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>> "The administration of justice has never been called into disrepute
>> by the facts." -Judge Curtis, Supreme Court of BC

>> <http://www.geocities.com/hrtcomplaint>

>> EE

>>> Dear Premier Campbell:

>>> Your email of Nov. 9/04 says "I can assure you that Minister Brice
>>> will give your comments every consideration". Since I have not yet
>>> received a reply, do you think she could share those considerations
>>> with this email forum so that they can be passed on to the BC Human

>>> Rights Tribunal and subsequently, perhaps the Supreme Court of BC?
>>> For a draft of my complaint
>>> see: <http://www.geocities.com/hrtcomplaint>
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>>> It is irrefutable that extreme punishment is at issue but more
>>> detailed description in both quantitative and qualitative terms is
>>> required. If MHR experts in behavioural science believe that the
>>> practice of using the street as punishment and differentially
>>> against the mentally ill at that is sound practice rather than
>>> malpractice, they can set this matter straight in a few hours. That
>>> is less time and represents less cost to the taxpayer than the
>>> time/cost of those who are reading each round of email in this forum

>>> at tax-payer's expense. Why not save the tax-payers money and show
>>> what good work your MHR bureaucracy is doing as Election 2005
>>> approaches?
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>>> Anyone applying for a job as a behavioural science practitioner with

>>> MHR or a shelter funded by MHR could expect this issue to be raised
>>> in the job interview. You cannot expect any behavioural science
>>> expert to apply for such positions believing that they are required
>>> by government order to participate in practice which is unethical,
>>> immoral and illegal. All it takes for MHR experts to prove otherwise

>>> is a few pages decribing the important FACTS of the street used as
>>> extreme punishment as is done now in a systematic and premeditated
>>> manner to treat and manage the behaviour of the mentally ill. It is
>>> fact that the street is used as extreme punishment by MHR-funded
>>> Lookout-Hazelton in a systematic and premeditated manner to treat
>>> and manage mental illness. Again, if your government is proud of
>>> this, why not come forward and take the credit for Election 2005?
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>>> The Office of the Police Complaint Commissioner may wish to give an
>>> opinion as to whether the street, used in such a manner for
>>> therapy/management of the mentally ill could also be misused for the

>>> purpose of carrying out extra-judicial executions against an
>>> individual or the class which that individual represents. An extreme

>>> question? Yes. But the street is an extreme method of punishment and

>>> it carries with it a significant likelihood of death. If you doubt
>>> that, ask Dr.
>>> Blatherwick.
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>>> Frank Paul died of exposure in a Vancouver alley as the coroner
>>> reported. Could people like Frank Paul be knowingly sent to their
>>> death on a likelihood/probability basis by government design? If so,

>>> it is conspiracy to commit genocide. Does OPCC think such a thing
>>> could happen?
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>>> EE
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>>> cc Jenny Kwan, MLA (Please fwd to Dulce McCallum)
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>>>> Thank you for this information.
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>>>> However, you must admit that our laws are fair, for as Romain
>>>> Rolland observed, not only are the poor prohibited from sleeping on

>>>> benches but the rich as well.
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>>>> Yours truly,

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>>>> Ernie Crist,
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
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>>>> Subject: RE: Filing Complaint with BC Human Rights Tribunal
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>>>>> Dear Sir,
>>>>> The by-laws that relate to the issue of sleeping in the streets
>>>>> and alleys are the Street and Traffic By-law, as well as the Parks
>>>>> Control
>>>>> By-law.
>>>>> These by-laws are located online under the City of Vancouver's
>>>>> main webpage, by taking the short cut to by-laws. Hopefully this
>>>>> information will be of help to you. Thank you,
>>>>>
>>>>> Nickola Selby
>>>>> Corporate Policy, Agreements, and By-Law Administrator Office of
>>>>> the City Clerk City of Vancouver Tel #: 604 873 7407 Fax #: 604
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>>>>> 7419 nickola.selby@vancouver.ca
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>>>>> Thank you, and also to Debra Carmont, for this information. The
>>>>> spirit of how the Human Rights Tribunal proceeds with its work
>>>>> seems to be that of reconciliation rather than retribution and that
>>>>>
>>>>> being so, I agree with it completely. It is not my goal to extract
>>>>> a penalty from Lookout Society or those funding and supporting it
>>>>> as listed on the complaint form at
>>>>> <<http://www.geocities.com/hrcomplaint>>. It is my objective to put a
>>>>> stop to differential adverse practice at Lookout-Hazelton which has
>>>>> society's most vulnerable citizens as its victims.
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>>>>> The City of Vancouver is not likely to be the most responsible
>>>>> among respondents for engineering this appalling abuse of the
>>>>> mentally ill. In the list of respondents, all of whom are presently
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>>>>> cc'd, MHR is the most likely candidate for that role and I would
>>>>> say that it is due to MHR's malpractice of "quack behaviourism"
>>>>> which goes back many years and is now deeply entrenched. It was
>>>>> evident when I left the employment of MHR-Woodlands as I complained

>>>> about it then and the investigation by former Ombudsman Dulce
 >>>> McCallum into malpractice of MHR-Woodlands only dealt with the
 >>>> proverbial tip of the iceberg. Nevertheless, the City of Vancouver
 >>>> can put a stop to this appalling conduct which is hazardous to
 >>>> health and imperils lives simply by enforcing its own by-laws.
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 >>>> At one time I sat in to observe a proceeding before the Supreme
 >>>> Court of BC. I was so impressed by a statement of Judge Curtis that

>>>> I wrote it
 >>>> down: "The administration of justice has never been called into
 >>>> disrepute by the facts". The facts of using the street in lieu of a

>>>> properly designed and managed time-out room are the focus of this
 >>>> complaint. Lookout Society can simply ask the behavioural science
 >>>> experts at MHR to give all of the important facts with respect to
 >>>> using the street in this way. Why should they not do so? The facts
 >>>> of using a time-out room for punishment would be the proper subject

>>>> of discussion in any job interview of a behavioural science
 >>>> practitioner applying for a position at MHR.
 >>>> Indeed, why would any ethical behavioural science practitioner
 >>>> apply for a job at MHR believing that it condones and funds the
 >>>> abuse of mental patients in the community?
 >>>> And to refute my claim that MHR is doing so only requires the
 facts.

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 >>>> If MHR can present those facts and give a sound rationale for their
 >>>> use, then it has rewritten the books on mental health practice for
 >>>> all Canadians and Senator Kirby should include this in the report
 >>>> of his committee, later this year.


>>>> Sincerely-EE

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 >>>> PS-If we cannot arrive at a remedy then I will edit and submit the
 >>>> draft complaint at <<http://www.geocities.com/hrtcomplaint>> to the
 >>>> Human Rights Tribunal along with the names of complainant and
 >>>> victims.

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 >> excellent charitable web site for anyone who cares about public
 education!
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