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A MESSAGE FROM ERNIE CRIST

There is a strong suspicion and in fact a claim by an affected resident that the Vancouver Police are dropping off panhandlers in the Seymour, Maplewood and the Inter River Area of the District late at night. These are people whom they have picked up in Vancouver so as to eliminate the nuisance in Vancouver. In plain English they are dumping them off, often without means for these people to go back home to Vancouver except by foot. Those same people as a result hang around the areas including sleeping until the they can ask people for money so they can get home or eat as may be the case.

This has been brought to my attention by a resident and business person adjacent to the Iron Workers Memorial Bridge.

I do not have any evidence but I have no reason to question the veracity of this verbal report. It is the Campbell philosophy in action which is compelling many of these homeless people, many of whom are mentally ill, to either do what they are doing or commit suicide, whatever they prefer. I will bring this matter to the attention of Council and also Superintendent Tomlinson of our own RCMP detachment. Quite frankly, I cannot see Vancouver Police Chief Jamie Graham condoning such a "cheap" measure if it is indeed true. I will provide the RCMP with the name of the relevant person who has reported this.

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