

Subject: [Fwd: Re: Affordable Shelter for the Homeless]

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Thank you for the cold shower of political reality, Clr. Crist. One word describes particularly well the political system if politicians will only rush to the front of the parade to lead those who are "seen to be strong" as you note later in your reply. That word is CORRUPT.

Politicians have one of the most important roles in our society. You are public administrators entrusted with about half of our GNP when all levels of public administration are included. If I see a pressing problem in public administration I go to YOU, the public administrators, elected and appointed, just as I go to a dentist if I have a tooth ache. Therefore I am asking why DNV is on the "Respondents" list at <<http://www.geocities.com/hrtcomplaint>>. Why are YOU, DNV, financially supporting a society which systematically and deliberately abuses the most vulnerable of the homeless, those with mental disabilities?

> Dear EE

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> There is one solution and one solution only and it consist of 3 words
> organize, organize, organize and fight back.

The WAN (Wide Area Network) called Internet now reaches about 1,000,000,000 netizens. Come up with a solution to the problem of homelessness in Canada for World Urban Forum 2006 and I'll bet it will generalize to a lot of other countries. Lorne Mayenthorpe, MLA has a Lady Bug Foundation poster on his office window at Library Square. I hope it concerns him as much as it does me when a compassionate eight year old has a dirge as her web site theme song at <<http://www.ladybugfoundation.ca>>. Let's see if we cheer her up by presenting her with a remedy at WUF next year in Vancouver. How many homeless are there in Canada? 50,000? 100,000 tops? If 300-600 Canadians with homes cannot provide so much as a 120 square foot tent to the one who is homeless, it is only because they and/or their political leaders do not want to do so.

Presently I am researching the use of Crown land for a modern equivalent to relief camps as I noted previously that a logging centred work camp for prisoners has been on the Chilliwack Lake Road for decades. Maybe the BC Real Estate Association can help as they say in their political release of April 19/05 that "Affordability of Housing" is one of two top priorities, adding: "Strike a task force that includes the real estate profession and other stakeholders to study barriers to the affordability of housing and take action on its recommendations."

The Province editorial of May 1/05 said that 12% of the 2,100 homeless here are now employed (vs. 5% from 3 years ago). Any homeless person who can walk the streets is almost certainly sighted as well as ambulatory and is employable. With a little training from BCIT which has a practical prospecting program, they can explore for minerals and take samples, do mapping etc. I paid for my first degree in phil-psych on the way to my doctorate by working in the gold mines of NWT so it is still in my blood as they say. There is no substitute for the prospector on the ground even

with all of modern technology. Google on the Eskay site in NW BC. The gold and silver reserves are probably in the low billions of dollars yet that site was not discovered until 1988. I'll bet many people flew over it many times before 1988. I think mining training was part of the relief camp system of the 1930's.

Not with weapons but with

> *letters, leaflets, demonstrations, marches lectures about the social and*
> *class struggle,*

I am a conscientious objector in the social class war. There will always be those who are bigger, smarter, faster, stronger and yes even prettier than me; and those who are less so. The rich and the poor are always with us.

EE