

THE COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS

wednesday 8th august chaired paul ~ keith david joanna diana hermione kim kevin keith kecia

1. Concerns raised as far as increase in deaths among 'homeless' community - questions of drugs or other would attribute to an increase in unexpected deaths? Fifth death reported.. Homeless encouraged to take lists of discrepancies in shelters: lack of access to showers 24 hour basis, booking of mats well in advance and shortage of mats.
2. How many homeless do we have in Victoria, how many available beds/mats and facilities available. Should we visit, as a committee, all facilities, interview staff and homeless to get to the root cause of the obstacle course and general frustrations.
3. Hermione Jefferis from AIDS VI reported that a 'Learning through Loss' organization is arranging a healing circle to deal with loss and grief support. Wellburn Park was suggested as a possible venue to support the local community. Lethal drugs laced with contaminants may be contributing to an increase in the demise of vulnerable members of the public. Are the police aware of the source of these drugs? A.V.I is organizing a Truth and Reconciliation Support Circle Wednesday August 15th.

Concerns as far as the release of an AIDS VI worker who has served 18 months for a list of offences. Considering the crimes, is the individual's movements monitored by a GPS/IMPLANT? He has no conditions attached to his release and his trial was dropped -

4. Kecia raises concerns as far as increase in examples of violence particularly against women despite more than adequate surveillance throughout our cities. Are we actively protecting our communities and the most vulnerable. Human rights violations need to be addressed at all levels including disclosures of medical records e.g Maximus. Fewer youth services available. Youth Empowerment remaining. Encourage V.I.P.R.G. and Socialcoast.ca to post events and educational material at website.

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