

Community Forum on the Tent-City Decision

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PEJ News - We would like to invite you to a community forum on the tent-city decision (Adams v. Victoria (City)) hosted by UAWL, IHRLA and the ELC.

The "tent-city" case was decided a few weeks ago, and found that Victoria by-laws prohibiting camping in public were unconstitutional, as they infringed upon homeless individuals' section 7 rights. The forum is meant to explore the impact this decision has had on the effects of homelessness, and the potential effects that the decision can carry. It will explore this through a number of different perspectives, reflected in the diverse panelists:

The event will be held on Monday, November 17 at 7:00 - 9:00pm in room 159 of the Fraser Building at UVic. There will be a panel discussion and a period for questions. The event is free and open to the public, with members of the community welcome to attend. Presenters include:

- Rose Henry, Aboriginal anti-homelessness advocate, and member of Homeless Nation (<http://homelessnation.org/>)
- Dr. Bernie Pauly, Assistant Professor in the School of Nursing at UVic, whose research interests include: nursing ethics, health policy ethics, harm reduction, health inequities, access to health care, homelessness, addiction and HIV/AIDS. Dr. Pauly was also on the Mayor's Taskforce on Homelessness.
- Lisa Helps, PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, studying history and focusing on homelessness in Victoria
- Inspector Jamie Pearce, a senior police officer for Vic PD who has been heavily involved in tent city policing
- Ben Berger, UVic law professor who has been following this case closely

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