

Date: NOV 2nd, 2011

What: PAOV "Emergency" GA Meeting

Purpose: Discuss (only) Power & Water being cut off today by City of Victoria.

[Note: For the sake of making public the minutes of this emergency meeting ASAP, our standard document format will be forsaken this time around.]

MEETING MINUTES:

FACILITATOR: Announces beginning of meeting

Native Representative: Coast Salish Greeting, land acknowledgement and Prayer by Elder

FACILITATOR:

Purpose of meeting: Address water and electricity cut off earlier this afternoon by City.

- Water being shut off by city: This is routine, water pipes will freeze and break.
 - Not aware electricity was going to be cut off, call for suggestions.
- Two minutes each speaker

First speaker:

Recycle bin, grab bottle, head to starbucks or tim hortons, come back with water

Facilitator explains existing resources already available:

- We already have water jugs, transportation of hot water and cold
- Possible generators, bicycle powered generators

Second speaker:

Today's rally at university was successful

Co-facilitator:

We're to specifically address water and electricity
Feel free to speak about your onsite camp experience today
Call for connections or suggestions
Mention of heavy police presence early this afternoon

Question: why power was shut down? No one knows.

Rumor about Kitchen being shut down is false.

Fourth Speaker:

Some video and/or audio was recorded when power was being shut off, but speaker has not watched the footage yet.
Something about footage and story of power issues not matching up

Fifth Speaker:

Collect rain water with tarps.

Sixth Speaker:

Concurs with rain water collection, not sure why power is an issue

Seventh Speaker:

Concern in Media center with no livestream being up. People who cannot participate onsite need to be able to join in livestream chat. Call for battery powered lanterns to greet passers by

Eighth Speaker:

Power is necessary because movement seems dead to rest of world. Need social media to spread message. Get name and number of person who shut down power, use twitter to demand power back. Use social media to get power back "in matter of hours". With out power we can't take care of each other (onsite vs offsite).

Ninth Speaker:

Don't' forget you are not alone, thousands of cities world wide Stay connected with each other

Tenth Speaker:

Media tent to get message out, no power, so everyone else use twitter and social media to get message out. Call to purchase generator to "at least power the media tent"

Eleventh speaker:

X, will drop off generator in an hour, needs to know about security demands, mentions bicycle powered generator, six bike model, need truck from saltspring island, need mechanically inclined to watch generator.

Twelveth speaker:

Missed most of speech, mention of Geoff Young in council moving against the movement. Resuscitate movement with power.

Thirteenth speaker:

Mention of portable solar system, better than system that runs on fossil fuels. Need batteries 12v and an inverter. Inverter from crowd volunteered, 750w

Fourteenth speaker:

Recap of ideas, solar panels, bike, generators, pollution and noise concerns from generators. Suggestion to bring down multiple solutions, organically develop what works for us. Mention of importance of the media tent and use of internet to organize and facilitate movement. Media tent with internet (and power) is important to ensure offsite paov members are in touch with camp at all times, also to assist in bringing resources to camp as required, such as people and resources for this emergency meeting. Importance of event calendar at media

tent. Calendar used to update events by media tent staff by individuals that approach tent requesting items be added to calendar.

Fifteenth speaker:

Suggested to reoccupy under (Christmas) tree (that has been blocked off by city) idea.

Facilitator: But we've agreed to share the square, so this is not something we are proceeding with.

Sixteenth speaker:

OccupyVancouver set up tea house, positive-tea house, suggestion of doing the same. Nights are cold. Tea is warm, keeps people warm and enables further conversations.

Seventeenth speaker:

Reach out to other movements before we spend money on generators. Calgary got a generator from Toronto, other occupiers have surplus supplies. Grow the movement, don't be too picky on energy you're using. Let's get the basics up and running, later when we have many options to choose from, we can afford to be more picky.

Eighteenth speaker:

Face to face is essential, some people are too concerned with internet connections, encourages disconnecting - more face to face.

Nineteenth speaker:

Useful if we had a page with contact info for other occupiers.

Facilitator: Explains this info is already posted on a pillar across from kitchen. Also simple googling on the Internet can provide most of that info.

Twentieth speaker:

Encourage ppl not to jump to conclusions about attempts to "shut us down", discourages paranoia. Focus efforts on finding out why power was shut down and finding peaceful solutions.

FACILITATOR:

2x PROPOSALS:

rally to get power from others
or
find our own power

Consensus: To use both avenues to gain more power

Agreement to apply pressure to officials to get power back. CRD Contact info to be posted on website so everyone can call to apply pressure and ask questions.

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Announcement: process meeting will start after this meeting,
invitation to join process group.

Facilitator: If there are no more speakers, this meeting is adjourned.
Thanks everyone for coming down for this "emergency" meeting.

NOTE: Aprox 1 hour after this meeting adjourned a generous individual
dropped off a generator with gas for the media tent. Other power
sources may still arrive tomorrow (Nov 3rd).