

From: [English, Dana](#)
To: [Julia M. Mullaley](#)
Subject: FW: Housing - Tent Encampment
Date: May 1, 2024 11:55:46 AM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Let's discuss

Dana English

Executive Assistant to the Hon. Fred Hutton

Minister of Housing

MHA, Conception Bay East-Bell Island

danaenglish@gov.nl.ca

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From: George, Bradley <bradleygeorge@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 11:06 AM
To: English, Dana <danaenglish@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Housing - Tent Encampment

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From: Abbott, John (MHA) <JohnAbbott@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 10:39 AM
To: Hutton, Fred <fredhutton@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: George, Bradley <bradleygeorge@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Housing - Tent Encampment

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Minister Hutton/Fred

I am forwarding an email from [REDACTED] offering assistance to the homelessness issue facing the province. I will leave it to you to follow up as appropriate. Thank you.

John G. Abbott
 Minister and MHA
 St. John's East-Quidi Vidi District
 Email: JohnAbbott@gov.nl.ca
 Office Phone: (709) 729-3678
 Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: April 30, 2024 at 10:19:38 PM NDT
To: "Abbott, John (MHA)" <JohnAbbott@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Housing - Tent Encampment

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Minister Abbott,

I've been reading the initiatives taken to move the tent encampments out of the city. I understand the challenges faced when asking these citizens to leave the downtown core for the new accommodations in East End by the Airport.

We have a vacant building that can be quickly modified to support the needs of Government that is ideally located for these residents.

Please let me know if we can support in anyway.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED] s.40(1)

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From: [Julia M. Mullaley](#)
To: [Fred Hutton](#)
Subject: Presentation on encampment.pptx
Date: May 1, 2024 7:30:59 PM
Attachments: [presentation on encampment.pptx](#)



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From: [English, Dana](#)
To: [Wayne Follett](#); [Hutton, Fred](#)
Cc: [Julia M. Mullaley](#); [Marc T. Budgell](#)
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] s.40(1)
Date: May 1, 2024 4:02:59 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Yes we figured.

Dana English

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 Minister of Housing
 MHA, Conception Bay East-Bell Island
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From: Wayne Follett <WGFOLETT@nlhc.nl.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 2:51 PM
To: English, Dana <danaenglish@gov.nl.ca>; Hutton, Fred <fredhutton@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Marc T. Budgell <mtbudgell@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: [REDACTED] s.40(1)

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See below: This is the gent MHA Dinn just referenced in QP.

From: Wayne Follett
Sent: May 1, 2024 1:41 PM
To: 'District Office 31 - James Dinn' <DO31JamesDinn@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: [REDACTED] s.40(1)

Hi Elizabeth:

In no uncertain terms did our emergency shelter staff suggest that if he rejected placement at The Gathering Place he could go to the encampment site at the Colonial Building. I spoke with staff who took his call; it did not happen.

s.40(1) [REDACTED] has been placed in two previous rental options with the assistance of a

housing benefit and has a history of asking for transfers from shelter placements, only to refuse options— or not show up or check out from alternate placements upon arrival.

He is restricted from a number of shelters in metro and refuses placement at viable options offered to him. The Gathering Place can accommodate the use of his CPAP machine and if he is in need of shelter today, he can call back the line for intake.

We'd also suggest he connect with Homestead NL <https://www.sjhomestead.com/> who may wish to assist him with a supportive referral for transitional supportive housing assistance at 106 Airport Road.

Wayne

Hello Emily,

s.40(1)

I am concerned that [REDACTED] is quite unwell. I have told him to go to the doctor as he was in hospital for a couple of weeks with a blood clot in his lungs. He has no addiction problems. He has advocated for himself to be placed in a clean quiet shelter where he can. When he spoke to the shelter line he was told that the only place for him was the Gathering Place or he could go to Tent City. I was pretty shocked to hear that the NLHC housing line would give this advice.

If he is on the street with the wet and temperatures near freezing, it is likely his health will get worse. Can you please find a quiet shelter for [REDACTED] this evening?

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Many thanks,

Elizabeth Zedel.

From: Emily E. Cumby

Sent: April 30, 2024 12:20 PM

To: 'District Office 31 - James Dinn' <DO31JamesDinn@gov.nl.ca>

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] s.40(1)

Hi Elizabeth,

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I checked with our Shelter staff, [REDACTED] has been offered The Gathering Place as of today. Staff note The Gathering Place has the accessibility to an outlet for his CPAP machine, but [REDACTED] has since refused this placement option, noting he would be connecting with a lawyer. s.40(1)

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[REDACTED] has been placed at multiple different shelters (both private and non-profit) since 2019 and has refused a number of shelters, requesting placement for specific shelters (most of which we have no bed availability in at present).

If he is open to accepting placement, he can most certainly connect with the emergency line to explore what options are available, however we are limited in the emergency shelter placements available as we also try to accommodate the shelter spaces in which [REDACTED]

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██████████ is not permitted in.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

[Emily Cumby](#)

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From: District Office 31 - James Dinn

Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 11:48 AM

To: Emily E. Cumby

Subject: ██████████ s.40(1)

Hello Emily,

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Can we chat about ██████████. I will try to call today. He is in shelter and needs to use a CPAP machine. I understand that he is having problems with this. This seems to be an ongoing problem and I was wondering if there was anything else we could do to help him.

Thanks,

Elizabeth Zedel (she/her)

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To: [Crystal Lewis](#); [Tanya E. Adams](#); [Tsitsi R. Barikano](#); [Kelli L. Faulkner](#); [Marissa A. Mercer](#); [Noelle Stanford](#); [Amanda L. Simpson](#); [Brenda B. Gillingham](#); [Sierra J. MacNeil](#); [Nick D. Harte](#); [Jaime T. Huggett](#); [Jodi C. Shannahan](#); [Nicole I. Boggan](#); [Alex S. Pretty](#)
Subject: 5/2/2024
Date: May 2, 2024 4:01:32 PM



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Encampment placements:

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Wiseman



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Client: [REDACTED]

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Issue: Client being placed at Wiseman

Details: ESL supervisor advised a taxi needs to be arranged to bring [REDACTED] from the Colonial Building to the Wiseman Center

Action: EHO arranged Jiffy Cabs for Jody Auth #: 36338

Next Steps: N/A

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Emergency Housing Officer
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Po Box 220 • 2 Canada Drive • St. John's, NL
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Email: rksacrey@nlhc.nl.ca

From: [REDACTED]
 To: [Doug Pawson](#); [REDACTED] [Barrington, Phillip](#); [Crystal Lewis](#)
 Cc: [Noelle Stanford](#); [Brenda B. Gillingham](#)
 Subject: Encampment Update - May 1st, 2024
 Date: May 2, 2024 7:29:50 AM
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Hi everyone,

Attached is the update from yesterday's visit. EHSJ had to leave site to support [REDACTED], so the documentation is likely not comparative to NLHC's perspective of events.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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Observations:

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From: [REDACTED] s.40(1)
 To: Doug Pawson; [REDACTED] s.40(1); Barrington, Phillip; Crystal Lewis
 Cc: Noelle Stanford; Brenda B. Gillingham
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 May 2 - Bannerman Tenting Update.xlsx

Hi everyone,

I've attached the update from today.

Regards,

s.40(1)



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Observations:

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From: [Crystal Lewis](#)
To: [Julia M. Mullaley](#); [Melanie S. Thomas](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Encampment update - April 30th, 2024
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FYI

Crystal

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: May 1, 2024 at 1:09:26 PM NDT
To: Crystal Lewis <cmlewis@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Encampment update - April 30th, 2024

Apologies! Here is the attachment.

Regards,

s.40(1)



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better future for all.

From: Crystal Lewis <cmlewis@nlhc.nl.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 12:59 PM

To: [REDACTED] s.40(1)

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Encampment update - April 30th, 2024

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Hi [REDACTED] s.40(1),

Can you send all the attachment?

Thanks,
Crystal

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On May 1, 2024, at 12:22 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi everyone,

Attached is the update from yesterday. I had to leave site in the middle of our visit so I might be missing a few key notes on my end.

Regards,

s.40(1)



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Observations:

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From: [Rob Nolan](#) s.40(1)
To: [Beverley Clarke](#) s.40(1)
Cc: [Brad Glynn](#); [Doug Pawson](#); [REDACTED]; [Gillian Andrews](#); [REDACTED]; [Judy Tobin](#); [Julia M. Mullaley](#); [Lisa Crockwell](#); [Rebekah Robbins](#); [REDACTED]; [Thomas Cooper](#)
Subject: Re: Update on Encampment
Date: May 3, 2024 1:27:57 PM s.40(1)

Thanks for this update, Doug and Brad. I'm sure many of us on the Board and CAB will be fielding questions privately over the coming days, and this information gives us what we need to know.

I'm sure it's been and will continue to be a few difficult days for you and your team, Doug. Thanks for all your hard work, and thanks for always putting people's safety and wellbeing front of mind.

Best,

Rob

Sent from my phone

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On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 11:39 AM Beverley Clarke [REDACTED] wrote:

Thanks Doug and Brad,

For the update and clarification.

I would imagine some rough days ahead as Doug and team work through staffing and get the service up and running. All eyes are on the issues and encampment right now.

Thanks for all the hard work Doug and team !

Reach out if there is anything we can do to assist!

Bev

Sent from my iPhone

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On May 3, 2024, at 11:25 AM, Brad Glynn [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Doug and Board,

Thanks for the update and your team's continued efforts to support those living at the encampment.

I am happy to hear that a large group of individuals, supported by other non-profits, NLHC, and income support, self-determined that they would leave the site. Based on the CAB meeting with Minister's Hutton and Abbott last week, this was the goal and the residents and staff who supported them deserve a lot of credit for working together on this.

I'd also like to share something that Doug mentioned to me in conversation. There were images earlier this week of the RNC removing items from the site

that received some media and social media attention. Volunteers who don't live at the site claimed this was done forceable. In fact, the RNC, with folks from income support and people living at the site worked together that morning to remove items deemed unsafe by all. The narrative that developed around this did not share that piece of the story, so I wanted you all to be aware.

We are likely in for several days of bumpy media and social media coverage, and I extend continued thanks to Doug for his leadership and EHSJ staff for their continued work in support of our mission.

Peace,

Brad

Brad Glynn, M. Ed, EMBA

He/Him

Executive Director

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On Fri, May 3, 2024 at 11:01 AM Doug Pawson wrote:

Hi folks,

I wanted to share the limited information I have on what's been going on at the Colonial building. Here are a few updates on what we know:

- **Tuesday, April 30:** Signs were posted around Colonial building stating no permanent, semi-permanent, and open flames were allowed on site. This precipitated some folks to leave the site
- **Thursday, May 2:** As part of the daily visit, NLHC, Income Support and Outreach staff supported 10 people to leave the site. We weren't aware of anything being planned for overnight, but our teams were able to support to get to their shelter options. There were approximately 3-5 folks who may have remained overnight
- **Friday, May 3:** I was advised that fencing had been placed around the perimeter of the building, a security firm was onsite as well as RNC to support folks with their belongings this morning. Our teams are going onsite to support folks remaining onsite as well as ensuring anyone who has belongings there can safely remove them

I've asked and been told that no injunction has been ordered at this time, so no

one will be forcefully removed, but rather people are being prevented from entering the site, except when permitted by RNC. You may see images/videos of tents being removed, but this is only happening for unused tents or common area tents. RNC have taken this on throughout the week and have been supported by our staff and the residents. Safety continues to be our main priority - for staff and the individuals experiencing homelessness. Our teams will continue to support in a safe way when possible, and if an injunction is ordered we'll remove our staff from the site immediately.

I've shared this information with the CAB. As we learn more, I'll do my best to share in a timely manner.

Best,
Doug

Doug Pawson, MPhil, MBA

Executive Director

Pronouns: He/Him

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Subject: 5/3/2024
Date: May 3, 2024 3:59:33 PM

Encampment placements:

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[REDACTED] - TGP

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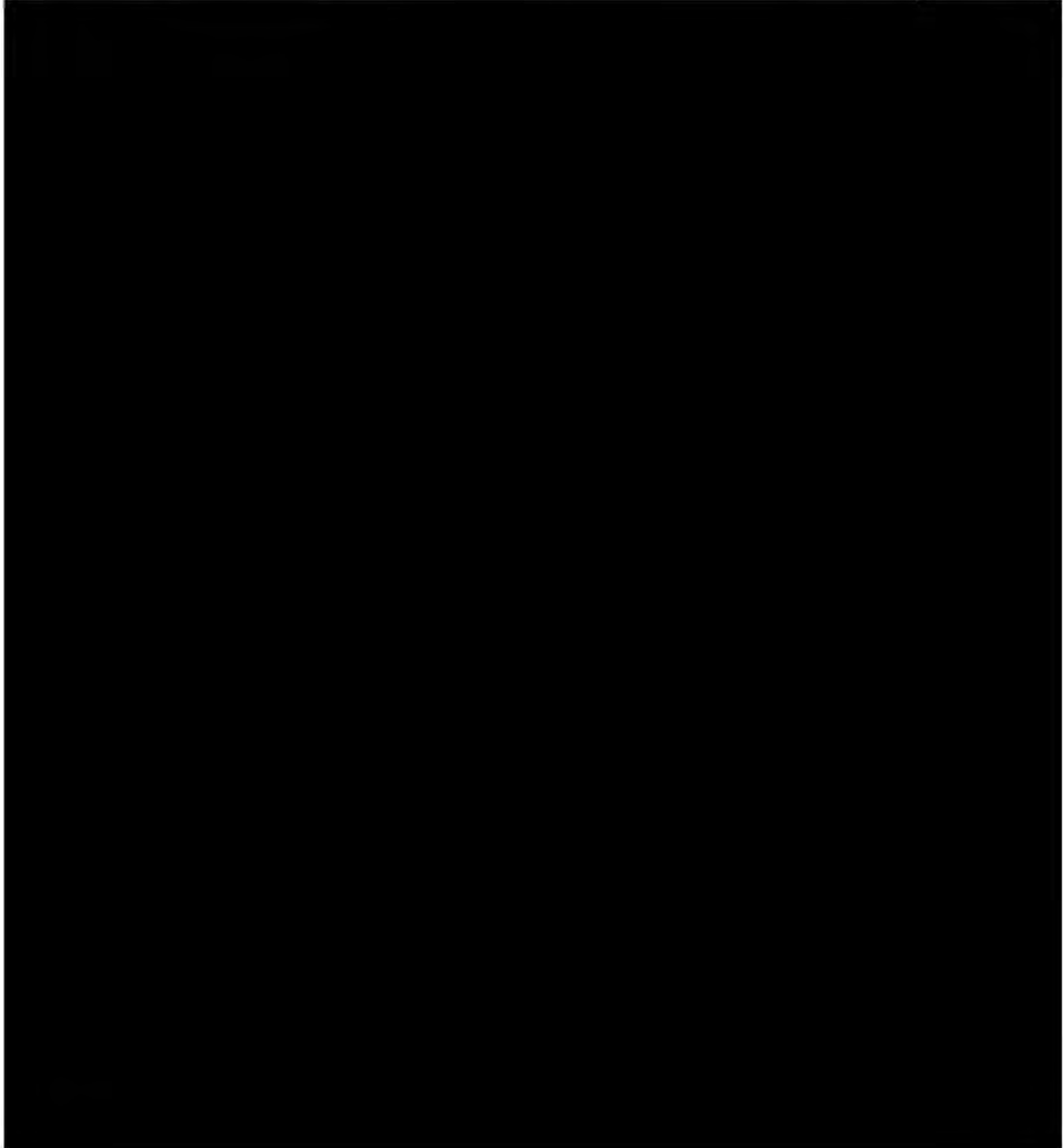
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Client: [REDACTED]

Issue: Client calling from TGP seeking placement

Details: Client called and advised she has been staying at the tent encampment but is in need of shelter placement

Action: EHO confirmed with ESL supervisor that a placement could be made for [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]

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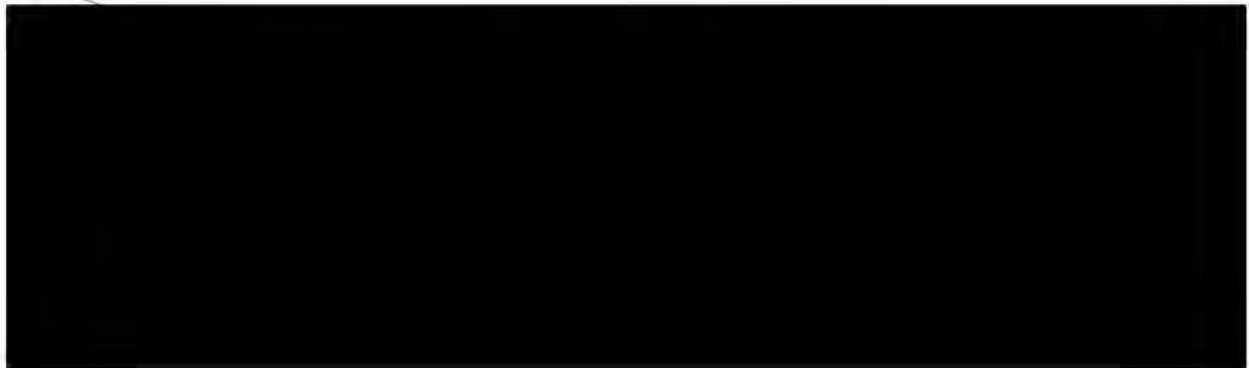
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Next Steps: [REDACTED] will take the taxi to [REDACTED]

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From: [Noelle Stanford](#)
To: s.40(1); [Doug Pawson](#); s.40(1); [Barrington, Phillip](#); [Crystal Lewis](#)
Cc: [Brenda B. Gillingham](#)
Subject: Shelter update May 3rd
Date: May 3, 2024 9:54:26 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Good morning,

Shelter status (as of 9:30am May 3rd 2024)

# of available beds on the Avalon	# of male beds	# of female beds	# of unisex beds	# of warming spaces used
11	5	5	1	10

Individuals who accepted placement yesterday/yesterday evening:



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Thank you,

Noelle Stanford
Provincial Supervisor, Emergency Shelter Program
Community Partnerships and Homelssness
Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation
Po Box 220 · 2 Canada Drive · St. John’s, NL
Email: nmstanford@nlhc.nl.ca

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From: s.40(1)
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2024 9:12 PM
To: Doug Pawson s.40(1); [Barrington, Phillip](#) <phillipbarrington@gov.nl.ca>; [Crystal Lewis](#) <cmlewis@nlhc.nl.ca>
Cc: [Noelle Stanford](#) <nmstanford@nlhc.nl.ca>; [Brenda B. Gillingham](#) <BBGILLINGHAM@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: Encampment update - May 2nd, 2024

Hi everyone,

I've attached the update from today.

Regards,

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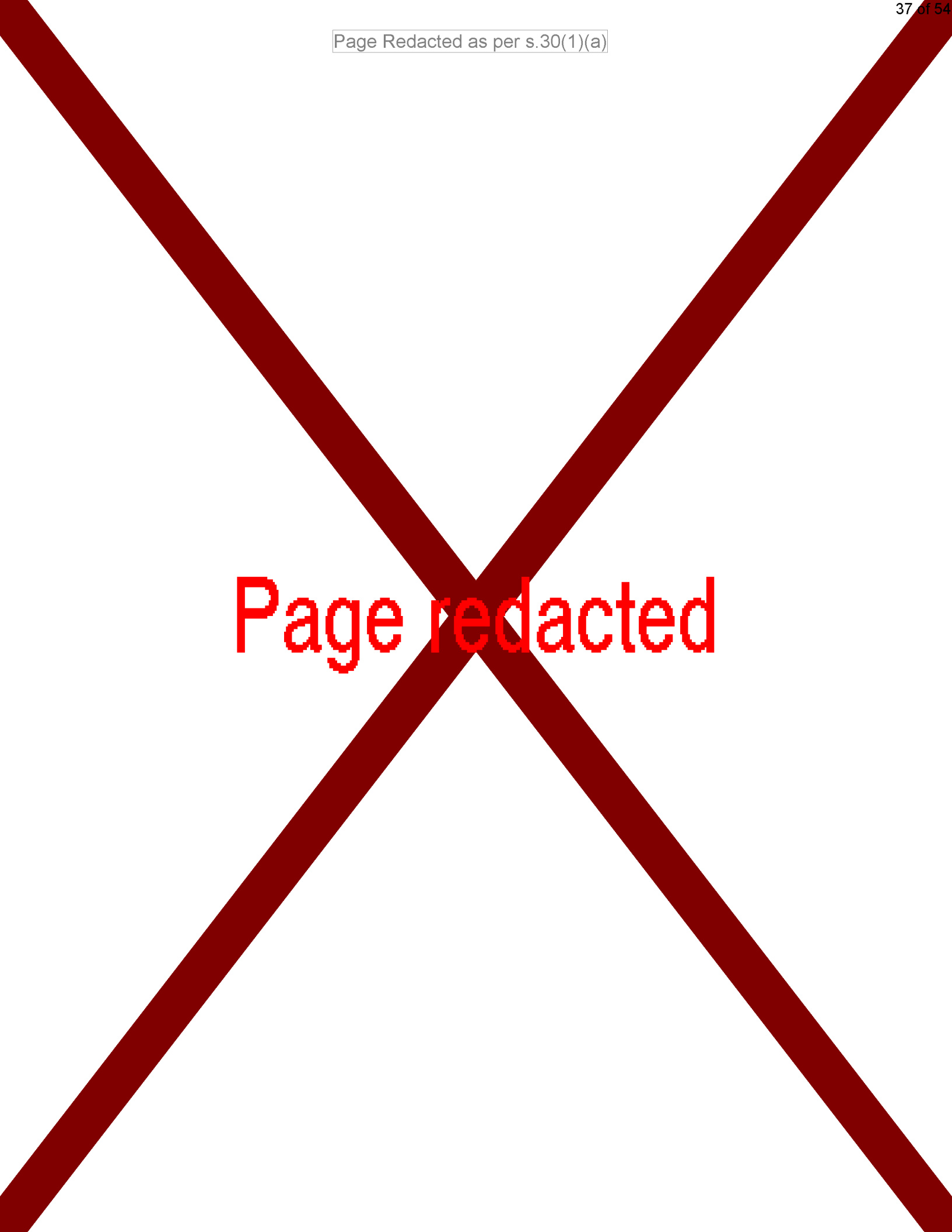
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From: [Joe M. Mercer](#)
To: [Wayne Follett](#); [Julia M. Mullaley](#); [Marc T. Budgell](#)
Subject: RE: Tent City for Change
Date: May 6, 2024 4:19:23 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hey Wayne,

I was just speaking to Marc. You should connect with him as a response is already in the works.

Have a Great Day,

Joe Mercer

Executive Director, Regional Operations & Program Delivery
 Newfoundland Labrador Housing Corporation
 Email: jimmercer@nlhc.nl.ca
 Phone: 709-724-3187

From: Wayne Follett
Sent: May 6, 2024 4:11 PM
To: Joe M. Mercer <jimmercer@nlhc.nl.ca>; Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Marc T. Budgell <mtbudgell@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: Tent City for Change

I have that one already; working on response and when Marc gives go-ahead, we'll be replying to all writers.

From: Joe M. Mercer
Sent: May 6, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Marc T. Budgell <mtbudgell@nlhc.nl.ca>; Wayne Follett <WGFOLLETT@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Tent City for Change

FYI

Have a Great Day,

Joe Mercer

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From: Pike, Paul <PaulPike@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2024 12:17 PM
To: HousingMinister <HousingMinister@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: Kristen Healey <krhealey@nlhc.nl.ca>; Joe M. Mercer <jimmercer@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Tent City for Change

Hi there;

Please see below for response?

Thanks,
Margot

Margot Pitcher | Executive Assistant (She / Her)
To the Hon. Paul Pike
Minister of Children Seniors and Social Development
MHA District of Burin – Grand Bank
Government of Newfoundland & Labrador
2nd Floor, West Block, Confederation Building
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 8:36 AM
Subject: Tent City for Change

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Dear Minister, s.40(1)

My name is [REDACTED] and I live on the west coast of our island. I am currently in the city of St. John's and every time I visit I am saddened to see people trying to survive on the street and I wonder where is the sense of

community in this town. This is why I have been supporting the mutual care of the Tent City for Change group because I feel they are demonstrating the best in us and show us what can be possible when we don't look away.

I am also saddened to know that our government, rather than heeding the call for help and addressing their concerns and providing them with that basic human right, a home, have called on the RNC and government employees to harass, intimidate and steal from the residents of Tent City, donations that community members like myself have donated. The situation escalated when a sweep conducted by the RNC resulted in the theft of over \$1200 worth of personal belongings from resident protestors. So much for our reputation as the province with a heart or that cares about our fellow man.

I am urging our government officials to cease the harassment of residents and volunteers at Tent City and work towards implementing permanent housing solutions promptly.

Thank you,

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To: [Melanie S. Thomas](#); [Julia M. Mullaley](#)
Subject: FW: Encampment Update - May 3rd, 2024
Date: May 6, 2024 8:56:39 AM
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FYI – Last update

Crystal

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, May 3, 2024 5:23 PM s.40(1)
To: Doug Pawson ; [REDACTED] ; Barrington, Phillip ; Crystal Lewis
Cc: Noelle Stanford ; Brenda B. Gillingham
Subject: Encampment Update - May 3rd, 2024

Hi everyone,

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Regards,

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From: [Marc T. Budgell](#)
To: [Melanie S. Thomas](#)
Cc: [Julia M. Mullaley](#); [Jenny Bowring](#); [Wayne Follett](#)
Subject: FW: Tent City
Date: May 6, 2024 12:04:34 PM

Hi Melanie,

As per Dana's note, several MHAs have received correspondence like what is included below as a result of a letter writing campaign. Minister Hogan received this letter, which includes some additional commentary around the Facebook post from two weeks ago.

I've pulled together the following standard response to the main concerns of the letter-writing campaign, while adding a section in yellow specific to the Facebook post. Can you please review and make any suggested edits/changes?

Wayne, copying you as FYI at this point, please don't action until you have my go ahead as I will have several layers of approval to go through.

Note

Hello XX,

Thank you for your note regarding recent developments at the tent encampment outside the Colonial Building in St. John's.

Starting on April 27, the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure began a cleanup effort on the site. This cleanup effort began as a result of two factors:

- First, on April 23 a propane tank being used to heat a tent on the site caused a fire that destroyed a tent on site. This caused a significant threat to those living at the encampment, as well as those in surrounding areas. It was noted during subsequent inspections that there were several uninhabited tents on site.
- Second, it was noted during regular visits by staff and community partners that there were numerous tents and belongings that had been abandoned at the site by individuals who had accepted placements in other, safer options in the days and weeks prior.

During the cleanup, it was determined that the tents and items that were collected were either refuse or were damaged significantly. As these items had been left behind for some time by their original owners, they were deposited in landfill.

Following this initial cleanup, when further individuals decided to leave the encampment for safer options, any tent or belongings that were subsequently removed from the encampment site were stored at the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary main office in St. John's, where they will remain available for pickup for some time.

As a government, we are investing significantly in creating permanent, affordable housing options across the housing continuum. This includes:

- The creation of over 100 new staffed shelter beds over the past year, as we work to reduce our reliance on unstaffed/private shelter options;
- The recent contract signing to create a [Transitional Supportive Living Initiative](#) in St. John's, which fills a current gap in the housing system for individuals experiencing homelessness with complex needs who require not only a safe place to live, but also wrap-around supports. The process for bringing individuals into this facility has begun, and will occur in phases as staff are brought on site to ensure their needs are met;
- [Budget 2024](#) includes more than \$36 million over four years to build over 100 new provincially-owned homes in Corner Brook, Central Newfoundland and Labrador West. This is in addition to projects that are currently underway to build 32 new provincially-owned homes in the [Pleasantview](#) area of St. John's and 16 homes in Happy Valley-Goose Bay;
- An \$8 million increase to the budget for repairs, maintenance and renovations to ensure existing affordable housing is maintained and available for families who need it;
- Initiatives under the [Five-Point Plan](#) to stimulate private sector housing construction and support first-time homebuyers; and
- The [Affordable Rental Housing program](#), a provincial investment of over \$80 million to support private and community housing sector projects that will see the construction of approximately 900 new affordable rental housing homes throughout the province.

Regarding the shelter system, I would like to advise that a Facebook post circulating which states that shelter guests receive only one meal of cheerios and bread is inaccurate on several fronts.

- First, while not all emergency shelters offer food service, those that do are required to offer three meals per day. It has been confirmed that the shelter in question offers three meals daily.
- Second, the photo in question shows an incomplete breakfast meal. On the day in question breakfast also included yogurt, peanut butter and jam, with fruit, margarine and milk all available in the shared communal fridge. I have attached a photo of a complete breakfast from that day.

Please know that we take shelter quality seriously – NL Housing does quarterly inspections of all shelters, as well as complaints based inspections. The shelter in question was inspected on April 12 and 16, and again following the Facebook post in question.

Sincerely,

MHA

To: Hogan, John <JohnHogan@gov.nl.ca>

Subject: Tent City

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Dear Minister Hogan,

I am a resident of downtown St. John's (ward 2) who has been supporting Tent City residents since Fall 2023. I am appalled by the harassment, surveillance, and abuse that Tent City residents have experienced from the hands of police and government workers - most recently a sweep of personal

belongings. **This is theft.**

Housing is a human right, and this government must create permanent housing solutions now. This government must also address the deplorable conditions of many shelters in St. John's, which have led to the ongoing growth of Tent City. Shelters and hotels are not good enough. **A half bag of cheerios and two pieces of plain white bread** is a sad excuse for a meal, and this is what residents of for-profit shelters are receiving as their **one meal a day**.

I am urging government officials to ensure that long-term housing, mental health, and economic support are implemented and sustained **now**.

Sincerely,



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From: [Julia M. Mullaley](#)
To: [Marc T. Budgell](#); [Hutton, Fred](#); [DanaEnglish@gov.nl.ca](#)
Subject: FW: 2024-05-06 Canadian Press - Evicted from St. John's tent city, this man refuses bed in 'disgusting' shelter
Date: May 7, 2024 3:15:00 PM

Please see below.

Julia

From: Crystal Lewis
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:43 AM
To: Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Melanie S. Thomas <msthomas@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: RE: 2024-05-06 Canadian Press - Evicted from St. John's tent city, this man refuses bed in 'disgusting' shelter

Hi Julia,

Both us and EHSJ have confirmed that [REDACTED] is an alias for [REDACTED]. We have been monitoring [REDACTED] shelter stay since Friday and confirmed he has been actively staying at the [REDACTED]. The Case Manager, [REDACTED], interacted with [REDACTED] onsite at 1:30 pm yesterday and again at 11:30 am today.

Thanks,
 Crystal

From: Julia M. Mullaley
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:29 AM
To: Melanie S. Thomas <msthomas@nlhc.nl.ca>; Crystal Lewis <cmlewis@nlhc.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: 2024-05-06 Canadian Press - Evicted from St. John's tent city, this man refuses bed in 'disgusting' shelter

Can we discuss below please. Thanks.

Julia

From: Marc T. Budgell
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 9:08 AM
To: fredhutton@gov.nl.ca; danaenglish@gov.nl.ca; Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Jenny Bowring <JMBOWRING@nlhc.nl.ca>; Mike W. Tizzard <MWTIZZARD@nlhc.nl.ca>; Joe M. Mercer <jmm Mercer@nlhc.nl.ca>; Melanie S. Thomas <msthomas@nlhc.nl.ca>; Krista L. Connolly <klconnolly@nlhc.nl.ca>; Wayne Follett <WGFOLLETT@nlhc.nl.ca>
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Gregory McCain was among the last to be forced out of the tent city that had formed in the heart of St. John's. Since he was evicted Friday, he said he has been living in another tent on the outskirts of the provincial capital because he refuses to sleep in a shelter.

"Some shelters are completely disgusting," he said in an interview Monday. "It's like, spit on the walls, literal feces, body fluids."

"I've been beaten up a lot in shelters, whether they got security or not," he added. "It's easy for your possessions to be stolen. It's just harder."

Residents of the encampment beside the historic Colonial Building woke up Friday morning to ribbons of orange plastic fencing around the site. Workers in hazmat suits and balaclavas then arrived and began taking tents down, according to footage broadcast on social media by Tent City for Change, the group of volunteers who had been helping encampment residents secure food and supplies.

By the end of the day, nothing was left in the area except the orange

fencing, which was still up on Sunday evening. Tents had been there since last fall, and some residents had said they preferred braving the winter in a nylon tent over sleeping in the province's shelter network.

John Abbott, the province's infrastructure minister, said Friday the encampment was taken down in part because of safety concerns arising from a fire there in late April. The orange fencing was up to "secure the site, but also to prohibit others from coming to tent."

Nine of the 12 people who had been living in tents at the encampment accepted beds in shelters or hotels on Thursday night, before officials went in the following day to clear out the area, he added.

"In a sense, we are making sure that the individuals are housed, so nobody is being forced off the site," Abbott said. "But as the tents are being removed ... we're going to limit access to that site and any other public spaces managed by the provincial government."

Several people gathered at the tent city site to protest the evictions on Friday. Jeremy Nolan stood on the sidewalk in front of the historic building's lawn, holding a sign that read, "Eyes on tent city."

"People know this is wrong," Nolan said about the masked workers emptying out the encampment.

Municipal governments in Halifax and Edmonton have also forced people out of encampments this year. The federal housing advocate has repeatedly said that while governments must provide stable, permanent homes to unhoused people as quickly as possible, those people have a right to live in encampments if adequate housing is not on offer.

Marie-Josée Houle's sweeping report on encampments released in February said that forcibly removing people from them is a violation of the fundamental human right to housing.

Abbott said the government's actions were in step with Houle's

recommendations — since residents of the St. John's tent city were offered "housing alternatives" they were comfortable with, they were not evicted.

"From a human rights perspective, we're very conscious of that," he said, suggesting the province's decision to dismantle the camp didn't violate anyone's rights. "Obviously our lawyers would have advised us accordingly."

McCain doesn't agree that he was offered housing that made him comfortable.

He said his tent was taken on Friday and he left with his backpack of supplies, including his wool blanket and a cook stove. With help, he found another tent and set up camp again, this time in a wooded area on the outskirts of the city.

"I got it covered over with some sticks and that," he said. "In a week or two when the trees start with their leaves, nobody will be able to find me."

This report by The Canadian Press was first published May 6, 2024.

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From: [Julia M. Mullaley](#)
To: [Melanie S. Thomas](#)
Cc: [Mike W. Tizzard](#)
Subject: FW: Tents City residents still without support
Date: May 7, 2024 11:25:00 AM

Melanie, please see below for discussion and any appropriate action. Thanks.

Julia

-----Original Message-----

From: Abbott, John (MHA) <JohnAbbott@gov.nl.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, May 7, 2024 11:06 AM
To: Julia M. Mullaley <JMMullaley@nlhc.nl.ca>; Doody, Alan <alandooddy@gov.nl.ca>
Cc: George, Bradley <bradleygeorge@gov.nl.ca>; Hutton, Fred <fredhutton@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: FW: Tents City residents still without support

Julia/Allan

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Would you review [REDACTED] email and follow up as appropriate. Thanks.

John A
Minister

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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2024 7:19 PM
To: Hutton, Fred <fredhutton@gov.nl.ca>; Abbott, John (MHA) <JohnAbbott@gov.nl.ca>
Subject: Tents City residents still without support

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Good evening Ministers,

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Thank you,

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Minister,

I have Income Support following up with [REDACTED] to get the contacts for the individuals she is referring to. They will help with income support and drug cards as well as make referrals to Julia's team as required.

Thank you

Alan

Alan Doody
 Deputy Minister
 Children, Seniors and Social Development
 Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

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