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From: TWF & Gentle Eagle [REDACTED]
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To: E_Clerks
Subject: Support for Motion Preventing the forced removal of unhoused persons during extreme weather events

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We are urging you to take to heart the land acknowledgement that you are undoubtedly planning on providing before the meeting begins this evening and "DO something" meaningful to advance TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION on land located within the Haldimand Treaty (1784) and covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase (Treaty 3, 1792) and the Simcoe Patent.

If power was being shared and we were permitted to be in person delegates, we would be following our smudging ceremony and inviting you to close your eyes while putting your hand on your heart and breathing into being...

- 1) a City and Region that no longer displaces Indigenous folks from their land or disconnects them from their cultural ways as this only serves to displace others, which through Indigenous eyes or other worldviews that promote caring as a value, are seen as extended family
- 2) partnerships that collaborate on repairing the rupturing that continues for all those living on the margins by first and foremost, listening to the voices of lived & living experience and honoring agreements that were made such as 'the plan to end chronic homelessness' that many of our friends with the Unsheltered Campaign have organized around
- 3) a resolution that is about "finding common ground" – letting go of this false notion of ownership and giving land back, into capable hands that can transform temporary fixes (that have resulted in tent cities which are struggling not because of who lives there but because of what has been taken away from them time & time again) into survivalist communities living off the land that provide respite while safer, more affordable housing comes as promised
- 4) a collapse of systems that violate the human rights of people and demonstrate that cuffing instead of caring is the way out of a problem that will only escalate due to unexamined ignorance, silencing, punishing those who are most vulnerable - at a time when they are exposed to the elements that can bring harm and result in death

Scare tactics and punitive reactions are not the way. Indigenous Wisdom is the way forward. And that means kinship and collective care; wellness without colonization; trauma informed support that is committed to dismantling oppression in all its forms so that health / safety / shelter is prioritized for all.

This is a call out for living in the right relationship with land, each other and Spirit. This is written support for a motion preventing the forced removal of unhouse persons during extreme weather events (and respecting their right to think outside the box, to meet a basic need at this time of collective crisis, because the powers that be have forgotten their responsibilities to be kind to thy neighbour).

Authentically speaking,

Lori and Two White Feather

A WOMB WITH A VIEW functions as a peer led, social prescription for wellness and an emerging grassroots crisis response alternative that is rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing and doing,

which includes 2 Eyed Seeing approaches. Share your gifts & abilities, teachings, lessons & learnings, skills, resources, etc and be a part of a community based, transformative justice effort that leaves no one behind, especially in times of need.

(Reconcili-ACTION programming includes Two White Feather Red Road 'change4change' Bike Rides, The Creator's Shelf therapeutic crafting social enterprise, The Red Road Journey Radio Show, Finding Common Ground Intervention for Those in Tent Cities)

"WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT, MAKES A DIFFERENCE"

We live and work on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee and Neutral people. We respect the Original People of this land and responsibly endeavor to go beyond apologies & land acknowledgements while decolonizing culture and working for transformative justice