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We believe that police violence must be exposed and stopped. Right now, all the bureaucratic and juridical institutions who have been charged with this responsibility work only to protect and insulate the police. We do not believe that either the Public Complaints Commission, and certainly not other police forces, have any other class interests that the protection of the police and the maintenance of the status quo. We refuse to look to a government that uses law only to further criminalize and punish poor people for any retribution against these thugs.

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Rob Morgan, president of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users;
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Anthony Fenton, human rights supporter who will speak of RCMP involvement in Haiti.

Please come and take part in this discussion and the on-going struggle against all forms of oppressive violence.

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