

Public actions this week

RCMP repress Maple Ridge “Model Tent City” hand in hand with Ridgeilantes

At 9:30pm on Tuesday June 1st, more than two dozen RCMP officers from at least two detachments, along with bylaw officers and Maple Ridge’s contracted private security guards encircled a small protest encampment set up in Maple Ridge’s city hall park and, without a word of warning, tore apart tents, seized belongings, and arrested four activists in an unlawful act of police repression.

The demonstration, called by local homeless activist group Maple Ridge Resistance a “model tent city,” started at 3pm Tuesday with a march from a nearby park to the square outside Maple Ridge City Hall. Members of the low-income community abandoned by the BC government to shelters, temporary modular housing, and the streets spoke out and called for homes, the end of the criminalization that has caused thousands of deaths in BC by drug poisoning, and the abolition



of police and police spending. The group then set up an overnight protest camp made up of about 10 tents, including one ad hoc overdose prevention site, cooked a dinner they shared together, and talked, laughed, and settled in.

Read [more here](#)

Sunday May 30th

Red Braid Coordinating Committee meeting

Bi-weekly meeting of the Red Braid CC, tasked with planning organizational work over the coming week.

Holland Park Memorial launch

Red Braid member Ali Colligan set up a candlelight vigil at Holland Park in Surrey for the 215 unmarked graves discovered at the Kamloops Residential School. [See photos here.](#)

Monday May 31st

Eviction Defence Network: Judicial Review Hearing

The Eviction Defence Network supported a tenant seeking a stay of her eviction through a judicial review at the Supreme Court.

Tuesday June 1st

Maple Ridge Resistance: Model Tent City

Unhoused leaders in Maple Ridge launched a “model tent city” at Memorial Peace Park. Within hours, Bylaw and RCMP officers cracked down on protesters, tearing apart tents, seizing possessions, and arresting four activists in an unlawful act of police repression. See photos here.

Organizing for Power Training

Red Braid is organizing a cohort of tenant leaders to participate in Organizing for Power, a weekly skills-based training and networking program led by lead educator Jane McAlevey.

Thursday June 3rd

Eviction Defence Network: Judicial Review Hearing

The Eviction Defence Network continued supporting a tenant with her judicial review. After four court dates and a three-hour hearing, the tenant won her eviction stay! But (and this is a big but), the judge also ordered her to pay all rent owed to the landlord by June 10th.

Marxist Center Delegates Council

Red Braid is affiliated with the Marxist Center. We have a member on the Delegate Council who participates in bi-monthly meetings.

Holland Park Memorial: Balloon Release

Red Braid member Ali Colligan organized a balloon release ceremony to honour the 215 children killed at the Kamloops Residential School.

Bread, Roses & Hormones Meeting

Bread, Roses & Hormones, a campaign led by trans and non-binary people, met to reflect on our recent work and plan the final tasks for our Socialist Feminist Summer School next week.

Friday June 4th

Our Homes Can’t Wait Meeting

Red Braid is part of the coalition Our Homes Can’t Wait, along with other housing justice organizers in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver

Whalley People’s Resource Centre

As the days get warmer, we are transitioning to summer hours: the Whalley Centre will now be open on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. This week, about 15 people came inside to chat, get donations, coffee, and snacks, or use the washroom.



Holland Park memorial and balloon release for 215 Indigenous children killed at the Kamloops Residential School



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