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Street ministry says it won't shut down

BYLAW: Surrey says group needs licence

BY KENT SPENCER
STAFF REPORTER

A Christian group is bringing love, Jesus and food to Surrey's inner city — and now they need to get a health licence.

City bylaw officials have told the NightShift Street Ministry to shut down until they have a proper health licence to distribute food.

But MaryAnne Connor, who is helping feed up to 60 people per night from the back of a truck, said the operation will continue.

"We're not giving up. We won't break the law. Instead of soup and stew we'll give out peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches, or whatever we're allowed to give," she said. "People are cold and wet."

The faith-based group has been operating unofficially in a Whalley alley for three months but is now seeking council's permission for a permanent home at the Philippine Community Centre at 13686 Hilton Rd.

Mayor Doug McCallum said he supports the group as long as it remains a daytime operation with no overnight stays. It must also produce a community impact statement with support from businesses and residences before approval is given.

Connor said logistical problems have really starting now that the bureaucracy has a hand in it.

"I don't know how long it will take for a community impact statement. Is it two months or six months? The peo-



Surrey Mayor Doug McCallum wants the group to operate only in the day.

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ple are hungry right now. It's a life-and-death situation," she said. "The volunteers need to move into a trailer out of the cold. It's frustrating."

Connor, 51, gave up her real-estate company nine months ago to take up the cause in troubled Whalley, where the homeless, drug addicts and the mentally ill need help.

"I'm a little bit crazy, but I didn't have a choice. God parachuted me in," she said.

Although the program is based on love and Jesus Christ, Connor said people are fed regardless of whether they listen to the gospel.

It offers a 12-step recovery program and Alpha Courses on Christianity.

Coun. Dianne Watts said the licence was necessary from Fraser Health because "if you distribute food to the public, you need one."

NightShift's proposal has been referred to staff for a long-term solution "as quickly as possible."

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Man sentenced for stealing logs

BY BRUCE WINFIELD
SPECIAL TO THE PROVINCE

PORT HARDY — A log thief has been hit with a house arrest of six months.

John Gary Vos, 51, admitted stealing \$18,000 worth of timber from Crown forests surrounding Fish Egg Inlet, near remote Bella Bella, in September 2003.

At the time of the thefts, Vos and his family were living at Knight Inlet, where he was winter caretaker at a summer resort.

Forestry service workers noted some stolen logs, which lacked the required timber stamp, while Vos tried to deliver them to Beaver Cove on northern Vancouver Island, Crown counsel John Blackman told court.

Vos claimed he found the logs loose on the beach but forestry workers doubted his story because the logs were very high quality, said Blackman.

Ministry of Forests workers seized 66 logs from Vos that day, and even-

tually proved 26 of them came from illegally logged spots on Fish Egg Inlet, said Blackman.

Defence lawyer Paul Grier said Vos was a hard-working man without a criminal record, and made his mistake while trying to provide for his wife and three sons.

"He was caretaker at Knight Inlet and his family was hurting for money," said Grier. "He admitted his wrongdoing, no attempt was made to evade police or deny his involvement."

Since then, Vos and family have moved to Little River, near Comox, where he now drives a truck.

Vos apologized and asked for an at-home sentence so he could keep his job.

"I should not have done it, I'm sorry I did, and it won't happen again," said Vos.

Provincial Court Judge Brian Sanderson was sympathetic Wednesday but said land on the West Coast must be protected.