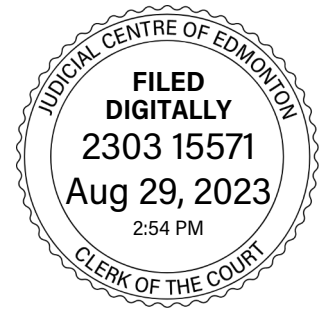


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I, Lisa Wemp, AFFIRM AND SAY THAT:

- 1) I am from Sturgeon Lake. Born in 1972. I was raised in Drayton Valley. I am First Nations with status under the Indian Act. I left home at 15 because of domestic violence from my father.
- 2) I am unhoused for a combination of reasons including health problems, lack of income, and drug use. I have lived with a painful kidney stone for the past eight years that affects my mobility and has other secondary impacts on my health. My health is a significant barrier to my ability to earn employment income. Despite my health problems, and despite having applied for Income Support, I have no source of income currently. I believe that the social workers who determine eligibility for Income Support assess my medical records with greater scrutiny because they know I use drugs.
- 3) For the past approximately one-and-a-half years, I have stayed outside in encampments in the City of Edmonton. During that time, the City of Edmonton and/or Edmonton Police Service have displaced my encampment several times. I have experienced at most two uninterrupted months without being displaced.
- 4) When the City of Edmonton and/or Edmonton Police Service have displaced my encampments, they make us throw away some of our personal property. In the past, they have disposed of my propane tanks and blankets.

5) Sometimes, before the City of Edmonton and/or Edmonton Police Service displace my encampment, they give no notice before the displacement. When that happens, I am unable to pack up and take with me all my personal belongings. My belongings that I have been unable to pack and carry because I received insufficient notice, the City of Edmonton has disposed of and I have never recovered.

✓
5a) ON JUNE 16, 2023, I RECEIVED NOTICE MY ENCAMPMENT WOULD BE DISPLACED IN ONE HOUR. ✓

6) In approximately April 2023, a City of Edmonton Peace Officer or an Edmonton Police Service Officer slashed my tent during an encampment displacement. ✓
✓ WITH A KNIFE ✓

7) Before I began staying outside, I spent some time staying in shelters in Edmonton, including at Hope Mission and E4C Women's Emergency Accommodation Shelter ("WEAC"). I no longer stay at shelters, because at shelters I have nowhere to store my property, I cannot stay with my boyfriend, and I fear I will get lice or bed bugs.

8) My encampment is all I have. I try to keep it clean out of a sense of personal dignity, and also to avoid attention from the City of Edmonton or Edmonton Police Service.

