

# Prince George in Print

## Increase in spaces to alleviate parking pressure

The Downtown Parking Commission will turn the former emergency homeless shelter and Gospel Mission site on 4th Avenue into a parking lot.

The city-run commission purchased 1141 and 1153 4th Avenue on September 1 for \$250,000 as part of a plan to alleviate parking problems created downtown by the new courthouse and casino, says DPC manager Jim Langridge.

"Some of the businesses on George Street have closed because of parking problems in that area. We bought this property to help (alleviate) the problems," he says.

Four lots, about 30 feet each, comprise the property. The commission plans to construct a surface lot there with 60 hourly and monthly



There will soon be more than just street parking at this location, as it makes way for a surface parking lot with 60 spots. JOHN MCKENZIE/FREE PRESS

parking spots.

The building that is cur-

rently on the property will be demolished within a month and Prince George residents may be able to

park in the lot as soon as this winter, although construction on the lot isn't expected until the spring.

Murry Krause, a city councillor and an emergency homeless shelter organizer, said the purchase would have no impact on the shelter.

He notes that the 4th Avenue location did not house the shelter last year. This year he says the committee is looking at other options once again.

"We have a plan in the works and as soon as funding is in place we will let everyone know what is happening," he says.

The location of the park-

ing lot to-be has a colourful history.

In the fall of 1997 the financially troubled Prince George Gospel Mission closed its doors there with a debt of \$162,000, including \$130,000 of unpaid bills for a 1996 renovation on the building.

In January of 1998 the Prince George Emergency Shelter opened its doors at the 4th Avenue location.

It too was steeped in controversy - neighbouring business owners complained about the shelter location and its "no rules" policy that allowed intoxicated clients to come and go as they pleased.

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CUPE 399, City Outside Workers, in particular Jon Powney, Dave Kidd & Peter Stan

And a very special thank you to all the mascots, participants and performers in the "Kids at Heart Parade!" This walking parade has had for a sixth year, the "Legion Branch 43, Pipes & Drums Band" skillfully guide the parade from First Avenue to City Hall.

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