

RE: LETTER FROM CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER WHICH APPEARED ON THE
AGENDA FOR THE 1988 MAY 24TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (ITEM 3g)
GROUP HOMES

ACTING MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the recommendation of the Director Planning & Building Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1988 June 21
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION Our File: 17.918
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CITY OF NORTH VANCOUVER
RE: GROUP HOMES

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to the Municipal Councils of the City of North Vancouver, District of North Vancouver, and District of West Vancouver.

R E P O R T

1.0 BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY

At its meeting of 1988 May 24, Burnaby Council reviewed the attached letter from the City Clerk, City of North Vancouver requesting Municipal Council's support of two recommendations regarding group homes:

- 1) THAT the Provincial Government be urged to amend the Community Care Facility Licensing Act, Section 5(a)(iii) and Section 7 to reduce the number of residents from ten plus staff to six residents plus staff.
- 2) THAT the Minister of Health, Social Services and Housing, Attorney General, be urged to provide funds to operators of group homes so that six-bed facilities are financially viable in all areas of the Province.

These recommendations, along with ten others concerning group homes, were reviewed by the Municipal Councils of North Vancouver City, North Vancouver District, and the District of West Vancouver. They were adopted by the City of North Vancouver Council and are presently under consideration by the Councils of other North Shore Municipalities.

Council will recall at its regular meeting of 1988 February 08, staff were requested to prepare a report concerning Burnaby's group home policies and procedures, specifically focusing on the following:

- public education procedures
- adequacy of existing community support services
- zoning procedures

Staff from the Planning and Building Inspection and Health Departments will be meeting during the summer to address these issues. They expect to be forwarding their findings and recommendations to Council in the fall.

This report provides a brief discussion of the North Shore recommendations, and concludes by recommending that Council defer support for the recommendations until the municipal group home review has been completed.

2.0 DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1 - Urge Province to amend CCF Act

The Community Care Facilities (CCF) Act is the Provincial legislation governing establishment of group homes and other community care facilities in B.C.. Under Sections 5(a)(iii) of the Act, the Provincial Child and Adult Care Licensing Boards are given authority to issue CCF Licences to facilities accommodating ten or fewer residents - regardless of whether Municipalities have bylaws which limit the number of facility residents to fewer than ten, as is the case in Burnaby.

The North Shore Municipal Councils are calling upon the Province to amend Sections 5(a)(iii) and 7 of the CCF Act, reducing the maximum number of facility residents from ten to six. Staff agree with the general thrust of the recommendation both for philosophical and practical reasons. Philosophically, staff believe that a smaller facility would generally be easier to integrate into a residential community than a larger one. Practically, as the Burnaby Zoning By-law sets the maximum number of rest home (adult group home) residents at five, the proposed amendment to the CCF Act would result in closer compliance between the Provincial legislation and our municipal zoning provisions.

Recommendation 2 - Urge Provincial ministries to increase funding for group homes

The thrust of this recommendation is to urge appropriate Provincial ministries to provide sufficient funding to enable the six-bed facilities to operate on a financially viable basis. The rationale is that the per diem rates for group home residents differ substantially amongst funding ministries. For example, the background report prepared by the North Shore Ad Hoc Committee on Group Homes cited the per diem rates for Ministry of Social Services and Housing clients as ranging from \$100 to \$118. In contrast, Ministry of Health per diems for mentally ill clients were cited at between roughly \$22 and \$51. The question of funding is complex, with many variables needing to be considered (e.g., characteristics of clients, level of services provided, staffing requirements). Staff are therefore not in a position to identify the full implications of providing additional funding for the operation of various types of six-bed facilities.

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4.0 CONCLUSION

The underlying premises and general thrust of the two North Shore group home recommendations appear reasonable. Nonetheless, staff would recommend that Council postpone any decision regarding the recommendations until the group home review soon to be undertaken in Burnaby has been completed. The Medical Health Officer concurs with this recommendation. In the review, staff will be addressing a range of issues, including the appropriate size and location of group homes. We will also be recommending a group home policy for the Municipality. With the assistance of the review, Council should be in a better position to determine whether to support the North Shore recommendations, or whether to forward alternate and/or additional recommendations to the Province.



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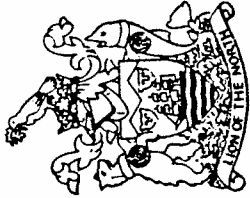
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cc: Medical Health Officer

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Your Worship and Members of Council:

The City Council at its regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, May 9, 1988 considered a report from the North Shore Ad Hoc Committee on Group Homes and endorsed twelve subsequent recommendations. One of the recommendations was that letters be sent to all British Columbia Municipalities detailing Council's resolution on recommendations 1 and 2 requesting that other Municipalities support these two recommendations and so inform the Ministers of Health, Social Services and Housing, Attorney General, and Solicitor General. Recommendations No. 1 and 2 are:

- (1) THAT the Provincial Government be urged to amend the Community Care Facility Act, Section 5(a) (iii) and Section 7 to reduce the number of residents from ten plus staff to six residents plus staff.
- (2) THAT the Minister of Health, Social Services and Housing, Attorney General, be urged to provide funds to operators of group homes so that six-bed facilities are financially viable in all areas of the Province.

Our Council strongly requests your support for this resolution as it is of a very timely and urgent matter to the three North Shore Municipalities. We thank you for your assistance and co-operation with us in this endeavour.

Yours very truly,

Bruce Hawkshaw,
City Clerk

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