

RE: ZONING BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENTS RE: GROUP HOMES
MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

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

* * * * *

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER
1989 July 31

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION
Our File: 17.918

SUBJECT: ZONING BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENTS RE: GROUP HOMES

PURPOSE: The purpose of this report is to recommend that Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw No. 54, 1989, Bylaw No. 9254, which appears elsewhere on this agenda, be given First Reading at tonight's meeting and be advanced to the 1989 August 22 Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw No. 54, 1989, Bylaw No. 9254, which appears elsewhere on this agenda, be given First Reading at tonight's meeting and be advanced to the 1989 August 22 Public Hearing.

R E P O R T

Appearing elsewhere on this agenda is Zoning Text Amendment Bylaw No. 54, 1989, Bylaw No. 9254. The Bylaw incorporates text changes recommended in the report, "Zoning and Approval Process for Group Homes", adopted by Council on 1989 May 23.

Specifically, the May 23 report recommended:

- a) Replacement of the Zoning Bylaw definition of 'GROUP HOME' with the following:

'RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY: CHILD AND YOUTH' means a facility which provides 24 hour care, food, lodging, supervision, and other support to three or more persons under 19 years of age who have mental handicaps, physical disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, alcohol and drug problems, or other social or health problems, and may have been placed in the facility under authority of pertinent Provincial legislation.

- b) Replacement of the definition of 'REST HOME' with the following:

'RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY: ADULT' means a facility which provides 24 hour care, food, lodging, supervision, and other support to three or more persons aged 19 years and over with mental handicaps, physical disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, alcohol or drug problems, or other social or health problems.


The Text Amendment Bylaw contains the following alternative:

"'GROUP HOME' means a residential care facility for not more than six persons in care that is operated in a private dwelling house and licensed under the Community Care Facility Act."

The Solicitor and staff of the Planning & Building and Health Departments prefer this alternative as:

- a) It is simpler than the two definitions proposed previously, while maintaining the same meaning, application, and intent.
- b) It removes the distinction between child/youth and adult facilities which, upon reflection, was unnecessary (i.e. the regulation of client age groups should be done through licensing, not zoning - especially as the proposed zoning provisions for youth and adult facilities are the same).

The other amendments contained in the subject Text Amendment Bylaw refer to "group homes" rather than "residential care facilities" and are consistent with the recommendations of the May 23 report. Unless Council has a problem with the revised definition, it is recommended that the Text Amendment Bylaw be given First Reading at tonight's meeting and be advanced to the 1989 August 22 Public Hearing.


A.L. Parr
DIRECTOR PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION

JF/mcb

cc: Municipal Solicitor
Medical Health Officer
Director Administrative & Community Services
Director Cultural & Recreation Services