

**DISTRICT OF NORTH VANCOUVER
PUBLIC HEARING**

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REPORT of the Public Hearing held in the Council Chamber of the District Municipal Hall, 355 West Queens Road, North Vancouver, B.C. on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor R. Walton
Councillor R. Bassam
Councillor M. Little
Councillor R. Hicks
Councillor D. MacKay-Dunn

Absent: Councillor L. Muri
Councillor A. Nixon

Staff: Ms. S. Haid, Acting General Manager – Planning, Properties, & Permits
Mr. R. Malcolm, Manager – Real Estate & Properties
Ms. N. Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk
Ms. J. Paton, Section Manager – Development Planning
Ms. J. Pavey, Section Manager – Environmental Sustainability
Ms. L. Brick, Confidential Council Clerk
Ms. S. Lunn, Social Planner

Bylaw 7989 The District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1293

Purpose: The proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment will add “group home” to the permitted uses for a portion of the lot at 2670 Lloyd Avenue.

1. OPENING BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Walton welcomed everyone and advised that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive input from the community and staff on the proposed Rezoning Bylaw as outlined in the Notice of Public Hearing.

2. INTRODUCTION OF BYLAW BY CLERK

Ms. Natasha Letchford, Deputy Municipal Clerk, introduced the proposed bylaw and advised that all those who consider that their property may be affected are welcome to speak.

3. PRESENTATION BY STAFF

Presentation: Mrs. Jennifer Paton, Section Manager – Community Development & Ms. Suzy Lunn, Social Planner

Mrs. Jennifer Paton, Section Manager – Community Development, and Ms. Suzy Lunn, Social Planner, presented the proposal for 2670 Lloyd Avenue advising that Turning Point Recovery Society proposes to build a nine bed recovery home for women. The site has been vacant since 2010 and the proposed facility would be staffed 24/7 and provide a recovery program for nine women with priority placement given to

women from the North Shore. Ms. Paton reviewed the zoning and application process, consultation process and feedback from residents, the siting criteria for the home, and the development permit requirements. It was noted that habitat restoration to the creek area will be ongoing and involve the residents of the facility. A Community Advisory Committee will be created to include staff and neighbourhood residents in the design and ongoing monitoring process.

Councillor HICKS left the meeting at 7:42 pm and returned at 7:43 pm.

4. PRESENTATION BY APPLICANT

Presentation: Ms. Brenda Plant, Turning Point Recovery Society

Ms. Brenda Plant, Turning Point Recovery Society,

- Spoke in support of Turning Point Recovery Society and the proposed recovery facility on Lloyd Avenue; and,
- Presented a video regarding Turning Point Recovery Society.

5. REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

5.1 Mr. Don Peters, 600 Block West Queens Rd.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke on behalf of the Community Housing Action Committee in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Opined that there is a need for a treatment facility for North Shore residents on the North Shore close to their family support networks.

5.2 Mr. David Newberry, 700 Block West 2nd St.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke on behalf of the Lookout Emergency Shelter in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Commented on the lack of addiction treatment services available on the North Shore and expressed concern that residents need to leave their community to seek treatment.

5.3 Mr. Robert Warkentin, 2100 Block Lloyd Ave.:

OPPOSED

- Spoke in opposition to the location of the proposed facility; and,
- Expressed a desire to maintain the park atmosphere at this site.

5.4 Ms. Barbara Atkins, 100 Block Chesterfield Ave.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Noted she has visited the Turning Point facilities and supports their program.

5.5 Ms. Liz Barnett, 300 Block Mountain Highway:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke on behalf of the North Shore Disability Resource Centre in support of the proposed facility;
- Encouraged Council to locate an accessible facility on the North Shore; and,
- Commented on the stringent licensing process for group homes.

5.6 Ms. Johanne Lubin, 500 Block 17th St.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Opined that the proposed property is the ideal location for this facility.

5.7 Ms. Cherie Dinwoodie, 2100 Block Bellevue Ave.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility; and,

- Commented on the addiction treatment facility options available in the past.

5.8 Ms. Lisa Nicholson, 1400 Block E. 14th St.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility;
- Commented on her experiences with treatment facilities in Vancouver; and,
- Urged Council to support a North Shore treatment facility for North Shore residents.

5.9 Ms. Renée Strong, 600 Block West Queens Rd.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke on behalf of the Capilano Community Services Society in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Commented on the limited options available for addictions treatment on the North Shore.

5.10 Ms. Hilda Nyquvest, 1000 Block Canyon Blvd.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke regarding the positive effects of treatment on the families and the community; and,
- Commented on the recovery process and treatment centres.

5.11 Mr. Bob MacWhirter, 2500 Block Lloyd Ave.: OPPOSED

- Spoke in opposition to the proposed facility location;
- Expressed concern regarding the loss of park space;
- Queried the scale of the Richmond facility; and,
- Commented on the no smoking policy in North Vancouver parks.

5.12 Ms. Carol Cunningham, 900 Block Leovista Ave.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke regarding her experiences with the Richmond and Vancouver Turning Point facilities; and,
- Commented on the addiction treatment facilities and options available in British Columbia.

5.13 Ms. Wendy Wong, 400 Block Tempe Cres.: IN FAVOUR

- Opined that there is room for both the facility and park users in the proposed location; and,
- Commented on the lack of treatment facilities on the North Shore.

5.14 Ms. Maureen Roper, 2800 Block Trillium Pl.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility;
- Commented on the need for access to addiction treatment;
- Urged Council to consider a facility for men in the future; and,
- Commented on the private versus public treatment systems.

5.15 Ms. Zoe Paris, Forbes St.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Commented on her positive experiences as a neighbour of one of the Turning Point facilities in Vancouver.

5.16 Ms. Lisa Lauze, 1300 Block Terrace Ave.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of creating an inclusive community which supports the needs of all residents; and,
- Urged Council to consider expanding the program in the future.

5.17 Ms. Sarah Franklin, 1200 Block West Third St.: IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of Turning Point and the impact of community support on addictions treatment; and,

- Opined that a treatment facility is an asset to the community.

5.18 Mr. Doran Hess, West 6th St.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of Turning Point and the facility; and,
- Expressed a need for the facility in the community and the need for community support for recovery.

5.19 Mr. Corrie Kost, 2800 Block Colwood Ave.:

IN FAVOUR

- Spoke in support of the proposed facility; and,
- Commented on the alternative approval process requirements.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Council inquired what the fees will be for residents of the facility; Ms. Plant advised that the facility costs range from \$80-\$100 per day for each resident and the fees are subsidized through a variety of sources including: government funding, operating agreements, and fundraising efforts.

Council queried what recourse the District has if there are issues with the facility operator; staff noted that there is an operating agreement and conditions set out in the lease and restrictions and termination provisions in the agreement between BC Housing and Turning Point.

Ms. Plant advised that Turning Point operates facilities in Richmond and Vancouver with a total of 40 beds and have been in operation for 30 years.

Staff advised that there will be landscaping and a path which will provide access for residents to the duck pond which is located 150 metres from the home.

Ms. Plant confirmed that smoking would be restricted to a designated smoking gazebo on the property and design measures, such as sand pits, would be implemented to provide extra fire protection.

Staff noted that Turning Point has expressed interest in working with the District to maintain and improve the stream corridor on the property.

7. COUNCIL RESOLUTION

MOVED by Councillor MACKAY-DUNN

SECONDED by Councillor LITTLE

THAT the May 7, 2013 Public Hearing be closed;

AND THAT Bylaw 7989 "The District of North Vancouver Rezoning Bylaw 1293", be returned to Council for further consideration.

CARRIED

8. CLOSING

Mayor Walton declared the Public Hearing in respect to Bylaw 7989 CLOSED at 8:48 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Confidential Council Clerk