

**From:** Dave Iverson [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 20, 2015 5:59 PM  
**To:** Mayor and Council - DNV  
**Subject:** Objection to Bylaw 8124 – Turning Point Men’s Support Recovery House p. 49-57 on Burr Place

My name is Dave Iverson and I live at [REDACTED].

I object to

Bylaw 8124 – Turning Point Men’s Support Recovery House p. 49-57 on Burr Place

The Principles section of the OCP makes reference to Accountability and Responsible Governance. The plan states "The District engages its residents continually, seeking open and transparent input into it's decision making..."

I question Council's commitment to this principle by pushing through a rezoning application on what the District knows to be a controversial topic, in the dead of summer when many people are away on holidays. I also question the lack of a public forum to discuss the new location. How does this meet the Principle of accountability and responsible governance?

The answer; it doesn't.

One of the goals of the OCP are to create a network of vibrant, mixed-used centres while enhancing the character of our neighborhoods and protecting natural areas. I ask you how does building at 10+ bedroom house, on a forested woodlot, increasing the volume of traffic, increasing pollution and noise, enhance the character of a neighborhood and protect the natural areas?

The answer, it doesn't.

Section 4.1 states The District's objective is to maintain a diverse, high quality parks and open space system that serves a range of community needs and protects the natural environment. Building a 10+ bedroom house on a forested lot, one present with many trails used by hikers and mountain bikers, does not maintain a high quality of parks and open spaces. Nor does it comply with the many policies listed under section 4.1.

Section 9.1 states The District's objective is to protect the ecological integrity of our diverse ecosystem. Building a 10+ bedroom house, which will generate more effluent & waste, and destroy a forested area, does little to meet this objective.

I am also curious how yet another house, belching out heat to keep 10+ people warm during the winter months, meets with The District goal of reducing waste.

In addition to the OCP, the application should be rejected based on the suspect nature of Turning Point itself. At the open house Turning Point claimed the house would be used for North Shore residents. I question this, because in my experience working with the Union Gospel Mission in the DTES, a cornerstone of their drug and alcohol recovery program involves getting people out of the community where they are experiencing addicting issues. Many addicts travel to a rehab

facility out of their home area. This is beneficial as it takes the addict out of their home environment where they are used to abusing drugs and alcohol. In a separate location, addicts are able to fully focus on their addition issues, free from outside distractions of work, family and friends.

Finally, I find it odd that The District is willing to put their needs above those of the Turning Point recovery residents and indeed those who will be impacted by this facility. After all, how else to explain building a drug and alcohol recovery house less than 100m from a bar. Nothing like putting temptation right in front of those who are so urgently trying to break out of the cycle of addiction.

Please reject this rezoning application.

..Dave Iverson

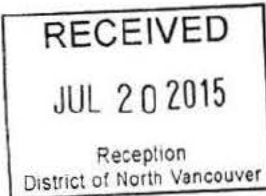
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Dave Iverson

Phone: [REDACTED]

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North Vancouver, B. C.

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July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015



TO Mayor and Council,  
District of North Vancouver, B.C.

Recovery house and DETOX centre.

We encourage you to do all in your power to help the Turning Point Society acquire the Burr Place property to continue and expand their wonderful very structured therapy for men recovering from their problems of addiction or drinking.

We feel very strongly that a 25 bed DETOX facility is ALSO urgently needed on the North Shore and this is a very good opportunity to start doing something about it.

We have all been given the impression for the last three years that the HOPE centre was being built to have some space for addiction recovery... "there will be single rooms so that mental health and addictions can be dealt with". Fund raising was promoted strongly by the Foundation... we supported the cause as best we could... Yet now that it is built, when an addicted person goes for help the doctors give them the brush off.. I have seen it first-hand twice since February this year. The wait times to go to other areas is 4 to 7 weeks and that is a very harsh and expensive health and financial time delay. The money the District spends on fancy gardens could be whittled down a bit and some fund raising could be stepped up if we as a community really do care about our fellow citizens when they are ready to deal with the mess they have got themselves and their families in to. Let's help these people be productive again... Help their children gain a parent back and save a few marriages so that our WELFARE costs are lowered because we have saved some families from destruction.

In the past I have seen recovered people help others over and over and I am sure some of those would be willing and able to support this DETOX centre as best they could as a thank-you for the help they have received.

The savings in financial loss to the community and to the addicted ones families and especially to the children of the addicted persons would be very appropriate when our politicians are off in other countries giving out aide for strifes caused by other people's ideals.

Andrew Saxton MP has spent enough on postage in the last few years to build one wall of a new building. He also has a position in government to help us to no end, as he has done a few times in the recent past for other North Shore causes that are more for pure unlimited enjoyment of many and sometimes for financial gain of a few.

Let's harness our resources, and use our WITS to see what we can do. If there is a will there is usually a way..... Some people believe that God helps those who try to help themselves. Recovery is often driven by someone accepting help from a Higher Power.

Marie and Jim Bensley



**From:** [Jim Bensley](#)  
**To:** [Mayor and Council - DNV](#)  
**Subject:** Turning Point  
**Date:** Monday, July 20, 2015 1:53:46 PM  
**Attachments:** [Turning Point. on Burr JULY 17th, 2015.doc](#)

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Dear Mayor and Councilors           SEE ATTACHED.

Please disregard my first letter of July 17<sup>th</sup> to you.... My point about Andrew Saxton was too harsh.

I do care about this project and urge you to support it.

Marie Bensley



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North Vancouver, B. C.

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AMENDED VERSION

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## Natasha Letchford

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**From:** Brenda Plant <bplant@turningpointrecovery.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 06, 2015 8:37 AM  
**To:** 'Tom Kirk'; Natasha Letchford; Annie Mauboules  
**Subject:** RE: Turning Point Burr Place

Thank you very much Tom; it was nice to meet you and your sister. All the best – we will keep you posted on progress. 😊

**Brenda L. Plant - Executive Director**  
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Richmond, BC V6X 1E3  
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**From:** Tom Kirk [mailto:████████████████████]  
**Sent:** August-06-15 8:21 AM  
**To:** [bplant@turningpointrecovery.com](mailto:bplant@turningpointrecovery.com); [nleitchford@dnv.org](mailto:nleitchford@dnv.org); [mauboula@dnv.org](mailto:mauboula@dnv.org)  
**Subject:** Turning Point Burr Place

Brenda, Natasha, and Annie,

Thanks for the opportunity to discuss the Turning Point plans for the property at Burr Place. Based on the information provided I am in support of the plans to provide the service at this location.

Tom Kirk  
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North Vancouver, BC  
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# CHAC

Community Housing Action Committee

Mayor and Council  
District of North Vancouver  
355 West Queens Road  
North Vancouver, BC V7N 4N5

September 8, 2015

Dear Mayor Walton and Council:

Re: Turning Point Recovery Society Proposal at 2400 Burr Place-Bylaw 8124

The Community Housing Action Committee, a North Shore housing advocacy committee, has reviewed at length the Society's proposal to develop an eight-to-ten bed home for men recovering from addictions, and has reviewed the extensive public consultation process, in which we participated.

Clearly, this recovery home is desperately needed on the North Shore and long overdue. As we know, addiction is a disease that disables individuals, their families, and co-workers. Addictions cut across socio-economic status, religion, race and neighborhoods, bringing hardship, and in some cases, ruin. The costs of not addressing addictions can be enormous. Most of us have known-too often first-hand-fathers, brothers, sons and friends who have suffered with this affliction; most have had to go elsewhere, away from the North Shore, for residential treatment. We now have the chance to locate a recovery home here, close to home, family and friends.

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CHAC unanimously supports this proposal by Turning Point, and will speak to it at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 15.

Yours truly

Don Peters  
Community Housing Action Committee.

**From:** Elise Roberts [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2015 9:50 AM  
**To:** Mayor and Council - DNV  
**Cc:** Annie Mauboules; Penny Chester  
**Subject:** Support for Men's Recovery House

Dear Mayor and Council,

I write in support of the **Burr Place Men's Recovery House** planned for the Seymour Area. The Substance Abuse Working Group has already provided ample evidence for the need for this service in our community, so I won't duplicate. The benefit of this location is that it is in walking distance of Ron Andrews Recreation Centre which would provide a place for men in recovery to additionally benefit from healthy fitness activities and a pool, along with the counselling and support.

For a number of years, I was a community activist for men's support services, particularly fathers who were denied access to their children through separation and divorce. During those years, I witnessed first-hand, the impact that this kind of trauma has on men which resulted in 2 suicides of men that I knew and drug addiction for a number of others, which also lead to homelessness. At the time there were very little support services for men. So I am very pleased our community in general is filling the gap in important services for men.

The only suggestion I have regarding the building design, is that a designated smoking area be established with an outdoor butt post similar to the one outside District Hall.

Thank you very much,  
Elise Roberts - Lynnmour  
C.C.  
Annie Mauboules  
Penny Chester



**From:** [L.W](#)  
**To:** [DNV Input](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing Group HomeTurning Point Recovery Society Sept. 15  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2015 10:18:56 AM

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Hello North Vancouver District Council,

I am a Blueridge Resident and I strongly object to having the Drug and Alcohol Recovery House for Men Only in the Blueridge neighborhood.

I attended the information session at Parkgate Community Center. I do not want Turning Point Recovery Society in our area.

Please add my name to the "No" Turning Point Recovery Society List in our area.

Thank you.

L. Wong

**From:** [jugeeba](#)  
**To:** [DNV Input](#)  
**Subject:** Turning Point Recovery Society Group Home  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2015 11:38:05 AM

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To My Elected District Council Members,

I'm taxpaying resident of the Blueridge area, where Turning Point want to have a recovery house for men. Along, with many members of our quiet neighbourhood, I do not want this in my area.

I did attend the info meeting at Parkgate early this summer and there was a STRONG disapproval for such a facility in the area from all the neighbourhood residents. If the residents have a say mark me as NO!

Respectfully,

G. Lee  
Blueridge resident

**From:** [Steven Petersson](#)  
**To:** [DNV Input](#)  
**Subject:** Public Hearing submission: Support for Turning Point for men on Burr Place  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2015 10:36:21 AM

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Dear Mayor and Council,

I am in favour of changing the definition of “group home” to accommodate the proposed Turning Point facility for men on Burr Place.

Thank you,

Steven Petersson



DNV



SUBMITTED AT THE  
SEP 15 2015  
PUBLIC HEARING

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I am an old nurse, mother and used to be landlord of 8 units . We have helped family ,friends, and renters with alcohol and addiction treatments in the past.

Turning Point Society is a Extremely well run organization and money spent on land is a fabulous investment for all families on the North Shore.

**Turning Point recovery and mental health Society are extremely organized with very strict discipline. One slip and a client is out within 2 hours and another client is placed with in 6 -8 hours. A spot in a Turning Point recovery house is a total gift of love and dedication and a chance to regain your life back as well as family relationships.**

The days are structured... the emphasis in on going forward in your life with new life skills... not dwelling on the past but they have many resources outside like Drs for dealing with trauma therapy.. there are specialists coming into the home for various classes.... Life skills and finance, How to deal with difficult situations, etc. Time management is a key component for the clients as they have to take turns doing all the jobs to keep the house running for ten people to fit between all the classes and sessions. The live in co ordinator has a full time job managing all the programmes and medical needs of the clients who are busy with meal preps and home maintenance.

There is a 4 hour period each week for outside appointments. Like catch up dental appointments and getting family business affairs in order . Getting things on track again..

There is lockdown for a few weeks and trust issues.... Clients always travel with a senior client for a few weeks... Trust and being responsible again is the name of the game.. There are some very kind dentists, barbers and financial advisors supporting this Society. Neighbours become real neighbours. There is a love in the air.

Evenings are for community support programmes which recreates social skills, self worth and pride of accomplishment.

Cars are a very minimal problem because of drained finances. Bus routes are a Prime need.

DO not worry about the clients.... They are extremely grateful to be a part of a Turning Point programme and way more kids will be helped by having a daddy come home clean and happy and proud of himself... Think of the marriages that can be saved.... Think of the welfare money that the community will not have to put out in the form of Income Taxes.

LETS think Positive... about this Turning Point Society. DO not be sure you or your family will not need help someday.

Marie Bensley, [REDACTED]