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- 16th and Dunbar development
- 41st and Balaclava development (Emaar Properties)
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16th & Dunbar Development - Update

The provincial government has given the green light to expedite development of 12 City-owned sites in Vancouver for social and supportive housing, 16th & Dunbar among them.

At the November 13, 2007 Vancouver City Council meeting, Council received a Report Reference on the City/BC Housing partnership to develop the 12 sites for 1100-1200 units of social and supportive housing.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City and BC Housing, which is included in the Nov 6, 2007 staff report

City/Province Social and Supportive Housing Partnership, has been referred to a **Special Council meeting on the evening of December 12, 2007** so that Council can hear from the public on this proposal.

The 33 page report contains detailed, significant information on all aspects of the proposal including descriptions of the 12 sites and the proposed tenant profile for each site. **This report should be carefully reviewed by anyone interested in the plans for 16th & Dunbar.**

A highlighted version of the report is available on the DRA website.

The following is an excerpt from the MOU description of the 16th & Dunbar site:

3588-96 West 16th Ave./3212-28 Dunbar St. (SE Corner of 16th Avenue & Dunbar Street)

*It is proposed that this site be designed for 50+/- studio units with 4-5,000 sq. ft. of ground floor retail. **A third to a half of the units would be occupied by persons with mental illness** and referred and served by a mental health services provider. All units would be tenanted by core-need singles with a priority for those living in Dunbar, West Point Grey and Kitsilano.*

The language in the MOU suggests that the tenants proposed for the supportive housing units at the 16th & Dunbar site (17 to 25 of the ~50 units) would be persons with mental illness only and not those with mental illness and/or substance abuse problems. We are seeking definitive confirmation and will post any information received on the DRA website.

BC Housing also has information on this initiative and supportive housing in general:
http://www.bchousing.org/programs/homelessness/municipal_approvals/Vancouver