

# DUNBAR

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**Re: Dunbar & 16<sup>th</sup> Supportive Housing Facility – Operations Management Plan**

The Dunbar Residents' Association (DRA) would like to facilitate positive community involvement in the supportive housing project at Dunbar & 16<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate the cooperative attitude displayed so far in our communications with the various parties involved, and especially welcome the openness of Darrell Burnham and the staff at Coast Mental Health Foundation.

As a next step, and in preparation for a neighbourhood open house hosted by the Dunbar Vision Implementation Committee on April 20<sup>th</sup>, we would like to initiate a community process involving the drafting of the Operations Management Plan for the facility. As the OMP appears to be the only tangible expression of how the project will relate to the neighbourhood, this document is of the utmost importance in providing both a framework for the sponsor to implement a successful program and a means of accountability and enforcement for the City as the citizens' representative.

We understand that the OMP for the Fraser Street facility may be useful as a starting point for the Dunbar project. A group of area residents is ready and willing to participate in the creation of a draft OMP for the Dunbar site so that it can be included with the Development Permit Application. As we understand it, the Development Permit Board would expect the OMP to be part of the DPA submission. The initial OMP will also give neighbours an indication of the guidelines that will be in place for the facility. This would provide a good reference point and promote discussion based on fact rather than suspicion, while not precluding further neighborhood consultation and possible modification of the OMP.

We therefore request that the City invite representatives from the DRA and other area groups (e.g., West Point Grey resident group, BIAs, school PACs and churches) to a round table for creating, reviewing and providing feedback on the first draft of an Operations Management Plan for the Dunbar & 16<sup>th</sup> supportive housing project.

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