

# STOP DEMOVICTIONS BURNABY



A process of mass demoviction (eviction through demolition) is underway in Metrotown. As of mid-2016, there are 684 apartment units and 1400 tenants facing demoviction in Metrotown.

# DUNBLANE

## DEMOVICTIONS CRISIS

In the last few years, two condo development corporations bought up every single apartment building on the block northeast and west of the corner of Dunblane and Imperial. All are planned for demoviction in the next couple years and many have already been demolished.

The Stop Demovictions Campaign Burnaby surveyed these demovicted residents and found:

- About 1/4 of those evicted are recent residents displaced from housing. Most of these feel displacement is a regular part of life and don't know where they will go next.
- Another 1/4 are long-term (5-10 years) tenants. These tenants tend to live on fixed incomes like pension or social assistance and pay far lower rents than current market. They will experience dramatic rent increases when evicted.
- On average, those evicted will experience a 25% rent increase (approximately \$250/month more than they are paying on Dunblane)
- About 60% of those who had already received eviction notices did not know where they were going to go and could not find a good place to live.
- Twenty percent of them planned to move to some form of hidden homelessness, like couch surfing.



*Coloured area of the map shows which areas will be upzoned through the new plan.*

## **NEW METROTOWN PLAN WILL SPEED UP DEMOVICIONS**

Burnaby City Hall announced in May development plans for Metrotown that will massively increase demovictions. Their new plan is to make Metrotown a “downtown core,” and raise building heights throughout the area with rental buildings to over 12 stories.

According to the Real Estate news exchange, the new plan is “like receiving a winning lottery ticket. The value of the land under your building will skyrocket.” For tenants, it guarantees demoviction. Rather than slow demovictions, their plan will speed them up.

# DEMOVICTIONS ARE NOT INEVITABLE

We call on the City of Burnaby to immediately undertake these four priorities:

1. Declare an immediate moratorium on demolitions of rental apartments;
2. Rehouse all those displaced by demovictions;
3. Create a community planning committee and scrap Burnaby's proposed demoviction plan;
4. Build social housing by contributing City-owned land and resources.

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The Stop Demovictions Burnaby Campaign is a grassroots community organizing project to stop evictions, and mass displacement in the Metrotown area of Burnaby. The campaign is organized by the Alliance Against Displacement, ACORN Burnaby, and Metrotown Residents Association, with residents of the Metrotown apartments facing demoviction.

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Stop Demovictions Burnaby acknowledges that our anti-displacement struggle is taking place on the dispossessed and unceded lands of the Tsleil-Waututh, Kwikwetlem, and Qayqayt Coast Salish nations.