

Renters Advisory Committee

2017-18 Objectives

Provide Council with advice on housing policy issues affecting renters including zoning and the supply and location of rental housing, which are all aspects of the City's rental housing policies.

Contribute to a better understanding of rental issues, including inaccurate or negative perceptions of renters.

Engage with renters and others to bring attention to renters' issues and improve conditions for renters, enhancing awareness, outreach, collaboration and inclusion aspects of our mandate.

Accomplishments

Passed motion recommending to Council that the City create a category to recognize purpose-built rental housing in its annual urban design awards.

Created questionnaires on renters issues for candidates in provincial election and civic by-election, with answers posted on our Facebook page.

Spoke at Council in June 2017 to support Empty Homes Tax.

Passed motions: with 14 points of feedback on the Housing Reset strategy and in supportive of collective housing.

Future Goals

Keep engaging with the City, renters and general public on how to make more space for rental housing and increase vacancy rate.

Continue to provide committee input to Council on municipal policy issues affecting renters, including, short-term rentals, temporary modular housing and how parking minimums affect rental housing and concentration of rental housing on arterials and corridors.

Engage with new provincial government on policy issues affecting renters.