

# Women's Advisory Committee

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## Committee Mandate/Priorities

- Priority 1 Increase leadership, representation and participation of all women and girls (including increasing number of female firefighters and celebrating women).
- Priority 2 Improve economic equality and opportunity for all women and girls (using an intersectional lens). Through access to affordable, safe, quality housing, and access to quality, affordable, inclusive, licensed childcare in non-profit centres and work that pays a living wage.
- Priority 3 Create a safer city for all women and girls. Through maintaining and increasing number of shelter spaces for women and children, increased action on violence against women and girls and providing a safe, non-discriminatory workplace for women.
- Priority 4 Work to have all City departments, task forces and committees examine their work with a gender lens and the City to adopt participatory gender budgets.

## Top 3 2016 Accomplishments

Created 4 subcommittees comprised of committee members and volunteers from the public:  
Leadership, Gender Wage Gap, Violence Against Women and Young Women.

Hosted a Women's History Month public event at City Hall Celebrating Women in Sport.

Co-wrote and were presented the 2016 International Women's Day Proclamation at City Hall.

## Top 3 Future Goals

Work with City Staff to update the City of Vancouver's Gender Equality Strategy.

Finalize Best Practices documents for each sub-committee and share publicly.

Increase awareness and accessibility of WAC and other COV Advisory Committees, and encourage diverse involvement from all women in Vancouver.