CITY OF VANCOUVER

RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at 6:01 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

PRESENT:	Alvin Singh, Chair
	Miran Aziz
	Peter Harvie
	Nicola Hill, Vice-Chair
	David Isaac
	Joshua Prowse
	Amanda van Baarsen
ABSENT:	Parveen Khtaria (Leave of Absence)
	Daniel Oleksiuk (Leave of Absence)
	Mira Oreck (Leave of Absence)
	Karen Sawatsky (Leave of Absence)
	Meseret Taye (Leave of Absence)
ALSO PRESENT:	Abigail Bond, Staff Liaison
	Councillor Reimer, Council Liaison
	Commissioner Shum, Park Board Liaison
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:	Leslie Tuerlings, Meeting Coordinator

Note: At 5:50 pm, the Committee agreed to begin hearing the staff presentation for Item 3 while they waited for additional members to arrive. For ease of reference, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Peter Harvie
SECONDED by David Isaac

> THAT Parveen Khtaria, Daniel Oleksiuk, Mira Oreck, Karen Sawatsky and Meseret Taye be granted leaves of absence for this meeting

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Miran Aziz
SECONDED by David Isaac

> A.   THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, be approved.

> B.   THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee held on Thursday, June 25, 2015, be approved.

CARRIED INANIMOUSLY

1.   Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Following due process, the following were elected as Chair and Vice-Chair until February 28, 2017:

- Alvin Singh, Chair
- Nicola Hill, Vice-Chair

2.   Report of the Residential Tenancy Act Review Subcommittee

Joshua Prowse provided an update on the Residential Tenancy Act Review Subcommittee's work to date.

MOVED by Joshua Prowse
SECONDED by Nicola Hill

> THAT the Renters Advisory Committee adopt the report entitled "Rental Recommendations September 2015: Reforming the BC Residential Tenancy System" as presented as its meeting on September 22, 2015.

> FURTHER THAT the report be submitted to Council as the response to the motion "Increase Protection to Renters", approved by Council on March 25, 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3.   Revision of Tenant Relocation Policies

Housing Policy staff provided an overview of proposed revisions to tenant relocation policies, responded to questions and requested feedback from the Committee.

4.   Liaison Reports

Councillor Reimer provided updates on Council-related matters and noted that the
2015 Homelessness Action week will begin on October 11, 2015. She also provided an overview
of the resolutions resulting from the annual Union of BC Municipalities conference.

Commissioner Shum provided updates on Park Board-related matters, including the approved
two per cent increase in fees for Park Board facilities.

5.   Coalition on Housing Crisis

The Committee agreed to refer discussion regarding the July 29, 2015, news release from the
BC Rental Housing Coalition to their next Regular meeting on November 24, 2015.

Link to Press Release: http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/-2043120.htm?mwfsmw.

6.   New Business

(a)   Pet Housing

Councillor Reimer will see if staff is able to provide a presentation on pet friendly rental units
at the next Regular meeting to be held on November 24, 2015.

(b)   Sub-Committees

MOVED by Amanda van Baarsen
SECONDED by Joshua Prowse

>   THAT the Committee establish a Communications Sub-Committee with Alvin Singh and
>   Nicola Hill as members with the authority to appoint other sub-committee members.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(c)   Renters Roundtable

The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a Renters Roundtable. Councillor Reimer
will investigate the specifics of the last Renters Roundtable held in 2011.

ADJOURMENT

MOVED by Amanda van Baarsen
SECONDED by Peter Harvie

>   THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, November 24, 2015
TIME: 5:45 pm
PLACE: Committee Room 1
               Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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