



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 14, 2026

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 5:35 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT: Nicolas Poppell, Chair
Colleen Wickstrom, Co-Chair
Heather Barclay
Margareta Dovgal
Tatjana Gjesdal
Wen He
Georgia Henshaw
Sam Ibrahim
Scott Robinson*
James Tod

ABSENT: Kawa Ada (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Graham Anderson, Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by James Tod
SECONDED by Sam Ibrahim

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Kawa Ada, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Scott Robinson absent for the vote)

The Committee was notified that Kawa Ada would be taking an extended leave of absence.

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Heather Barclay
SECONDED by James Tod

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Wednesday, November 19, 2025, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Scott Robinson absent for the vote)

1. Appointment of Co-Chair

By acclamation, Nick Poppell and Colleen Wickstrom were appointed as Co-Chairs until the end of the Committee's term on November 1, 2026.

2. Annual Report Approval

The Co-Chairs presented the Annual Report, and the Committee engaged in a roundtable discussion.

MOVED by Scott Robinson
SECONDED by Sam Ibrahim

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Annual Report as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Working Session Updates

The Chair noted the upcoming Working Session in February and asked members to come prepared.

4. Liaison Updates

The Council Liaison provided an update on the following:

- Agenda Items for the Council meeting on [January 20, 2026](#); and
- Agenda Items for the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on [January 21, 2026](#).

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the following:

- [Villages Planning Program](#);
- [Report Back on Supporting Development Viability and Unlocking New Housing Supply](#);
- [Vancouver Official Development Plan](#); and

- [Provincial Housing Legislation](#).

5. Subcommittee Updates

The Chair noted Subcommittees will be discontinued for the remainder of the term.

6. New Business

a) **Motion: Tools for Tenancies: Closing the Gap by Enforcing Accountability and Adding Conditions to Licensing Landlords in the City of Vancouver**

The Committee discussed the upcoming Council Member's motion and provided comments.

MOVED by Colleen Wickstrom
SECONDED by Heather Barclay

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee supports the Member's Motion entitled "*Tools for Tenancies: Closing the Gap by Enforcing Accountability and Adding Conditions to Licensing Landlords in the City of Vancouver*," submitted by Councillor Fry, to be discussed at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities meeting on January 21, 2026, and provides an official endorsement on behalf of the Renters Advisory Committee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by James Tod
SECONDED by Scott Robinson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 6:25 pm.

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