



## 2023 – 2026 Work Plan

# Renters Advisory Committee

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## Mandate

The mandate of the Renters Advisory Committee is to advise Council on strategic City priorities relating to renters, to monitor and respond to the impacts of provincial and federal legislation affecting tenants, and to advise Council on enhancing access and inclusion for renters in developing City policy and civic life.

## Objectives

### **Objective 1:** Support Pro-Renter Projects, Motions, City Plans and Reports

The Renters Advisory Committee aims to actively engage with, advocate for, and contribute to projects, motions, city plans, and reports that prioritize the well-being and rights of renters. By fostering partnerships with local stakeholders, policymakers, and community members, the RAC seeks to enhance the quality of rental housing, promote fair and inclusive policies, and amplify the voices of renters in shaping a more equitable and sustainable living environment.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #2, “Housing.”

### **Objective 2:** Champion Tenant and Renter Rights

By exploring current trends and resources available to tenants, as well as advocating for increased access to those resources, this objective relates directly to the enhancement of access and inclusion for renters outlined in the mandate.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable.”

### **Objective 3:** Support the Delivery of Market and Non-Market Supply

Central priorities for Renters in the city include the affordability, availability, and attainability of rental units. As such, the Committee will advocate for policies, projects, and initiatives that dramatically increase the delivery of both market and non-market rental units across every neighbourhood of Vancouver.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #2, “Housing.”

### **Objective 4:** Focus on At-Risk, Underrepresented Groups’ Housing Needs

This objective is linked to the access and inclusion for renters outlined in the mandate; in particular, learning about the challenges/needs that at-risk and underrepresented communities face as



renters in order to help the Committee better identify gaps in City policy.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #7, "Healthy, inclusive, and equitable."



## Action Plan

Action Items	Timeline	Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Partners
Identify specific action items integral to the stated objective (add or delete objectives or rows as needed).	Identify estimated timeline and/or end date for action items.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible for leading the objective, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success which can be included in annual reports.	Identify opportunities to collaborate with groups / organizations within or outside of the City (e.g. City staff).
<b>Support Pro-Renter Projects, Motions, City Reports</b>				
A. Work with City Staff to ensure projects, motions, city plans pertaining to renters are presented at RAC meetings.	2023-2026	Co-Chairs, RAC	To enhance the effectiveness of the RAC in fulfilling its mandate, by ensuring that stakeholder requests to address the RAC align with the objectives outlined in this work plan. By prioritizing this the RAC aims to be well-informed and better equipped to execute its mandate efficiently and effectively.	City Staff
B. Upon receiving presentations or reports from speakers, the RAC will actively engage through questions, recommendations, and potentially passing motions to ensure a thorough and impactful response from the RAC.	2023-2026	RAC	The RAC’s engagement is anticipated to enhance advocacy for pro-renter projects. This process ensures well-informed decision-making and consultation, contributing to the advancement of initiatives prioritizing the rights and well-being of renters.	City Staff, Council Liaisons
<b>Champion Tenant and Renter Rights</b>				
A. Formulate motions and recommendations in support of tenant and renter rights.	2024-2026	Subcommittee 2A, RAC	Improve and support renter/tenant rights and supports as identified through the work undertaken by the RAC.	City Staff, Council Liaisons, Advocacy Groups
B. Ask the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC) to present to the	Q1 2024	Subcommittee 2A, RAC	Gather knowledge and data on current concerns and issues facing	TRAC, City Staff, Council Liaisons

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RAC.			renters and the services that TRAC offers to renters.	
C. Request data and invite experts/advocates to present from both renter and landlord groups regarding awareness of the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA).	2024-2025	RAC	Understand and identify current gaps in knowledge to the current awareness of rights/responsibilities of the RTA.	City Staff, Council Liaisons, TRAC, VTU, LandlordBC
<b>Support the Delivery of Market and Non-Market Rental Supply</b>				
A. Submit recommendations to Council for policies and projects that will result in a dramatic increase in the development of new market and non-market rental units.	2024-2026	Subcommittee 2B, Subcommittee 1A, RAC	Present Council with recommendations which, if implemented, will improve the affordability, availability, and attainability of rental housing across the City.	Council Liaisons, City Staff, Non-Profit Housing Organizations, Advocacy Groups, Project Developers
B. Support initiatives and projects that significantly increase the supply of rental housing.	2024-2026	RAC	RAC's support will improve the likelihood that City initiatives will be implemented, and that development projects will be approved.	City Staff, Non-Profit Housing Organizations, Project Developers
C. Advocate for the increase of rental housing within neighbourhoods where renters are underrepresented.	2024-2026	Subcommittee 2B, Subcommittee 1A, RAC	RAC will present data outlining neighbourhoods and communities within which rental housing is especially unaffordable, unavailable, or unattainable, and will advocate for initiatives that increase the supply of rental units in the identified areas.	City Staff, Advocacy Groups, Neighbourhood Associations
<b>Focus on At-Risk, Underrepresented Groups' Needs</b>				
A. Gathering and synthesizing research, information, and stats on	2024-2025	Subcommittee 1B, Subcommittee 2A, RAC	The information gathered on the current housing needs of at-risk and	Advocacy Groups, City Staff

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current needs of renters who are at-risk and/or historically underrepresented.			historically underrepresented renters is anticipated to yield a more comprehensive understanding of specific challenges. This knowledge will enable targeted interventions and policies, ensuring a more inclusive and equitable approach to addressing the housing needs of these vulnerable groups.	
B. Identifying gaps in current rental landscape for those who are marginalized.	2024-2025	RAC	By identifying current gaps we will better understand unique housing challenges of those that are marginalized. This initiative is expected to lead to informed policy recommendations and targeted interventions, working towards an improved housing environment for these vulnerable populations.	Advocacy Groups, City Staff
C. Formulate motions and recommendations to City Liaisons in advocating for greater attention to the housing needs of underrepresented/at risk groups.	2025-2026	Subcommittee 1B, Subcommittee 2A, RAC	Present Council with recommendations which, if implemented, will improve the current gaps facing at risk and underrepresented groups' housing needs.	City Staff, Council Liaisons