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Subject: Type A Council Advisory Committee Work Plans (2023-2026)

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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

Please see attached memo from the City Clerk that provides Council with the work plans of Type A Civic Agencies (Council Advisory Committees) that have been approved up to the current date. The information is provided for reference, prior to being posted publicly.

Please contact Tina Penney, Director of Legislative Operations, with questions at tina.penney@vancouver.ca.

Best,
Paul

Paul Mochrie (he/him)
City Manager
City of Vancouver



The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səlilwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

MEMORANDUM

April 10, 2024

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Katrina Leckovic
City Clerk

SUBJECT: Work Plans of Type A Civic Agencies (Council Advisory Committees)

RTS #: N/A

PURPOSE

This memo provides Council with the work plans of Type A Civic Agencies (Council Advisory Committees) that have been approved up to the current date. The information is provided for reference, prior to being posted publicly.

DISCUSSION

In accordance with relevant Terms of Reference and Civic Agency reporting requirements, the following Type A Council Advisory Committees have approved work plans for the 2023-2026 period (refer to Appendix A for full work plans):

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
- Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
- Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee
- Renters Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Women's Advisory Committee

The work plans outline major Committee objectives relative to [Council's Strategic Priorities](#).

Please note, the following Committees have not yet approved work plans. Staff are working to support these Committees in completing their work plans by the end of May 2024. Once approved, these work plans will be provided to Council in a separate memo.

- 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee
- Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Food Policy Council

Please direct any questions or concerns to Tina Penney, Director, Legislative Operations, at tina.penney@vancouver.ca.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX A – Council Advisory Committee Work Plans

This appendix contains approved 2023-2026 work plans of the following Type A Council Advisory Committees:

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
- Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
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2023 – 2026 Work Plan

Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on all civic programs that relate to arts and culture, and ensure that arts and culture is appropriately represented in City plans and policy initiatives.

Objectives

Objective 1: Provide definition of “vibrant city” to guide City Council

ACAC exists to advise Council and staff on all civic programs that relate to arts and culture and ensure that they are appropriately represented in City plans and policy initiatives. Offering a definition of “vibrant city,” as prioritized in the City of Vancouver’s Strategic Priorities, speaks to the core of the ACAC’s mandate and purpose.

This should center Culture/Shift, and includes cross-mapping “vibrant city” goals with existing Culture/Shift efforts, including Creative Resilience Lab from 2019.

This includes sharing priorities around supporting ongoing cultural activities with City Council through written and spoken presentations.

Objective 2: Promote and advocate for concrete support for arts spaces as community and resiliency hubs

Aligns with ACAC and *Culture/Shift* goals of making spaces for people to gather, support cultural spaces, counter gentrification, spaces for healing, funds for space development and infrastructure; especially promoting culture as a connector and “way in”

Objective 3: Continue to advocate for diversity and inclusion in the arts sector (particularly based in *Culture/Shift*)

Diversity Audit of cultural institutions; scan of programming and organizations; illuminate smaller organizations (opportunity to increase communication); clearer sense of performing arts in Vancouver, and where younger voices are engaging.

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 included in annual reports.	Identify opportunities to collaborate with groups / organizations within or outside of the City (e.g. City staff).
Provide definition of “vibrant city” to guide City Council				
A. Motion proposing a portion of revenue from major sporting and cultural events in this city is held to support mid and small scale cultural events that are embedded in the city on an ongoing basis. Ensuring these one off events help to sustain a lasting vibrant calendar of cultural events in the city.	Spring 2024	Cultural vibrancy subcommittee		Connect to “Making space for arts and Culture” in City priorities
B. Motion to revise Civic Theatres grants	Fall 2024	Cultural vibrancy subcommittee	Potential to waive the ticket fee; cannot be allocated to other venues.	Cultural spaces subcommittee, Civic Theaters rep
C. Advocate for inclusion/incorporation of CultureShift priorities into City’s Annual Strategic Priorities	Fall 2024	Cultural Vibrancy subcommittee: ACAC		
Promote and advocate for concrete support for arts spaces as community and resiliency hubs				
A. Gather information from existing efforts	Ongoing through term	Spaces Subcommittee	Document outstanding issues, gaps and needs in cultural infrastructure	ACAC, cultural space operators and organizers
B. Present recommendations for	Spring/Sum	Spaces Subcommittee	Partnering with CoV	City of Vancouver Cultural Services,

cultural spaces to ACAC	mer 2024		Cultural Services, determining outstanding and unfunded priorities for cultural space development to advance within the wider ACAC through the creation of document and presentations	Development Office; connect to “making space for arts and culture” in existing city policy.
C. Propose draft motions to council liaisons	Summer/Fall 2024	Spaces Subcommittee	Based on previous work, draft motions in partnership with Council liaisons that advance priorities for cultural spaces	City of Vancouver Cultural Services, City of Vancouver Council Liaisons

Continue to advocate for diversity and inclusion in the arts sector (particularly based in Culture/Shift)

A. Weigh in on City Budget	Review: summer, 2024; weigh in/statement to City : fall 2024	Connect with City representatives; whole or subcommittees	Potential to increase funding for arts and culture operating grants; support and preserve spaces; public art guidelines (ie, community-driven, not developer-driven); more sustained and supported arts sector	
B. Increase community Capacity around city arts policies	Goal of 2x/year gatherings to connect community and ACAC		Increased connection between ACAC and community; could include informal round tables, and/or community gatherings	
C. Statement of support for: 1.) Vancouver as Restorative City 2.) BC Coalition of Arts, Culture, & Heritage				

B.				
C.				
Increase community capacity around city arts policies, and how to impact				
A.				
B.				
C.				

Mandate:

The [mandate](#) of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee (CYFAC) is to advise Council and staff on matters that relate to children, youth and families.

- Advises Council and staff on the development, implementation, and assessment of City policies and services related to children, youth, and families
- Advises Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for children, youth, and families
- Identifies opportunities to empower children and youth to have a voice in civic decision-making

Mayor + Council Strategic Objectives ([Priorities](#)) - Vibrant Vancouver

1. **Vibrant and diverse** - We do all we can to ensure Vancouver is a dynamic and vibrant city, with a great range of exciting and engaging amenities and events throughout the city.
2. **Housing** - We work with senior governments and other partners to address the local housing crisis, with the goal of ensuring that appropriate housing options are available for everyone in Vancouver.
3. **Supporting business** - We ensure the City is doing our part to ensure our local economy is robust and resilient, and Vancouver is a place in which businesses can thrive and succeed.
4. **City Services and Infrastructure** - We deliver high-quality city services and public infrastructure that make Vancouver a healthy, safe, beautiful and enjoyable place for everyone.
5. **Safety and security** - We work to provide effective emergency response and emergency planning services that make Vancouver safe and enjoyable for everyone.
6. **Climate emergency** - We are responding to the climate emergency through environmental initiatives, greenhouse gas emission reductions, and climate change adaptation measures.
7. **Healthy, inclusive, and equitable** - We put Vancouverites' physical and mental health front and centre as we make service, infrastructure and policy decisions, and strive to alleviate barriers to residents' well-being and sense of belonging.
8. **Reconciliation** - We maintain mutually respectful relationships with and work to support and advance the rights of local Indigenous Nations and urban Indigenous Peoples.
9. **Good government** - We responsibly steward the public funds with which we are entrusted, ensure we have an efficient administrative infrastructure, and maintain a high-performing, engaged workforce.

CYFAC, Work Plan Objectives:

1: Explore and advise on strategies related to the current “child-care gap” in Vancouver

The Committee will expand and align its knowledge on the issue and develop recommendations around Vancouver's “childcare gap” for city staff and council to consider. This objective is in alignment with priorities 1, 4, 7, 8

2: Explore and advise on strategies related to youth mental health support in schools and community

The Committee will expand and align its knowledge of the current strategies and initiatives in place to support youth mental health in schools and community, specifically related counselling and youth peer groups, and advise on recommendations for city staff and council to consider. This objective is in alignment with COV priorities 1, 4, 5,7, 8

3: Explore and advise on strategies related to middle years and youth program staffing

The Committee will expand its knowledge of middle years development initiatives, and youth program staff support, and advise on recommendations for city staff and council to review. This objective is in alignment with priorities 1, 4, 5, 7,8

4:Use the committee's knowledge in objectives 1, 2, and 3 to support advocacy work within the municipal and provincial levels of government.

The Committee will expand its existing knowledge on the issues mentioned in objectives 1,2 and 3, and create recommendations for provincial and federal governments to consider. This objective is in alignment with priorities 1, 4, 8, 9

5: Explore CYFAC composition, and revise if the current structure enables the mandate to succeed. Core to include the voices of children and youth, adults and people with lived experience, in various areas of City planning.

The Committee will expand its existing knowledge of the CYFAC composition policies and provide recommendations for city staff and council to consider. This objective is in alignment with priorities 1, 4,7, 8, and 9

Action Plan:

Objective 1 Explore and advise on strategies related to the current child-care gap in Vancouver			
Action Items	Timeline + Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Partners
A. Increase awareness and education of the current childcare gap in Vancouver to the committee through city staff and select presentations. B. CYFAC dialogues on strategies and suggestions. C. Identify key areas of interest to prioritize focus. D. Create a working document for the committee's recommendations and input.	2024-2026, entire committee	Develop recommendations for city staff and council to review	Staff liaisons, city clerks Requests: ChildCare + Infrastructure
Objective 2 Explore and advise on strategies related to youth mental health support in schools and community			

Action Items	Timeline + Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Partners
<p>A. Increase awareness and education on current youth mental health supports offered in Vancouver to the committee through city staff, and potential presentations from partners.</p> <p>B. CYFAC dialogues on strategies and suggestions.</p> <p>C. Identify key areas of interest to prioritize focus.</p> <p>D. Create a working document for the committee's final recommendations and input.</p>	2023-2026, entire committee	<p>Review and educate the committee on current mental health and counselling options available for youth in public schools and community programs.</p> <p>Develop recommendations for city staff and council to review</p>	<p>Staff liaisons, city clerks</p> <p>Requests: VSB, VCH, VPB - Community Centers</p>

Objective 3 Explore and advise on strategies related to middle years and youth staff training

Action Items	Timeline + Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Partners
<p>A. Increase awareness and education on middle years initiatives and front-line staff support offered in Vancouver to the committee through city staff.</p> <p>B. Review and vote on the Building Safer Communities Program (BSCP).</p> <p>C. CYFAC Dialogues on strategies and suggestions.</p> <p>D. Create a working document for the committee's final input.</p>	2023-2026, entire committee	<p>Education on current city initiatives, development of strategies concerning middle years and youth program staffing</p> <p>The committee reviewed, advised, and voted in favour of the BSCP strategy. <i>(completed fall 2023)</i></p> <p>Develop recommendations for city staff and council to review</p>	Staff liaisons, city clerks

Objective 4 Use the committee's knowledge in objectives 1, 2, and 3 to support advocacy work within the municipal and provincial levels of government.

Action Items	Timeline + Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Partners
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<p>A. Review working documents of objectives 1, 2 and 3.</p> <p>B. Develop high-level recommendations and communication (re: youth advocacy, childcare, and middle years support) for municipal and provincial government review.</p>	<p>2025-2026, entire committee</p>	<p>Develop high-level recommendations for city staff and council to review and share with the provincial government.</p>	<p>Staff liaisons, city clerks</p>
<p>Objective 5: Explore CYFAC composition, and revise if the current structure enables the mandate to succeed. Core to include the voices of children and youth, adults and people with lived experience, in various areas of City planning</p>			
<p>Action Items</p>	<p>Timeline + Responsibility</p>	<p>Expected Outcomes</p>	<p>Partners</p>
<p>A. Identify if the committee structure is meeting the current needs of city staff and council.</p>	<p>2024-2026, entire committee</p>	<p>Develop recommendations for city staff and council to review</p>	<p>Staff liaisons, city clerks</p>

Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for older persons and elders to fully participate in City services and civic life.

Objectives

Strategic Direction 1: Planning OPEAC Workplan

- This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #9: “Good government.”

Strategic Direction 2: Preparing for Seniors Lead

- These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:
 - #4, “City services and infrastructure”
 - #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”

Strategic Direction 3: Seniors Isolation and Loneliness Community-based Initiative

- These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priority #7: “Healthy, inclusive, equitable.”

Strategic Direction 4: Community Programs and Services

- These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:
 - #4, “City services and infrastructure”
 - #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”

Strategic Direction 5: Transportation, Accessibility, Outdoor Mobility

- This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #4: “City services and infrastructure.”

Strategic Direction 6: Seniors’ Housing Strategy

- These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:
 - #2, “Housing”
 - #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
 - #9, “Good government”

Strategic Direction 7: Communications and Resources

- These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:
 - #1, “Vibrant and diverse”
 - #9, “Good government”

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Strategic Directions	Objectives	Activities	Outputs/ Outcomes	Timeline	Lead	Progress
Planning OPEAC Workplan	Creating subcommittees to support city staff engagements and for OPEAC planning processes	Survey for bios, skills and experience, committee topic interests, initial priorities	Formation of subcommittees, development of subcommittee workplans, participation of key stakeholders and community partners, creation of Facilitation Team	31-Dec-23	Marc and Susan	95%
Preparing for Seniors Lead	Become familiar with Age-Friendly documentation, SILAS Report	Review 2013-2015 Age-Friendly Recommendations, Review WHO Age-Friendly Guidelines, Identify experts and educators, Read the SILAS report and SAC priority recommendations, Review the 2013-2015 Age-Friendly, Seek input from VSB, Parks Board's incoming Senior's Planner), CoV incoming Seniors-Lead, 2018-2019 Seniors' Labs. Using surveys internally and invited participants, Seek input on current priorities (missing from 2013-2015 recommendations. Prioritize recommendations that are cross-domains, low lying fruit and initiatives that are transformational. Review best practices arising from SAC Jurisdictional Scan.	Updates from CoV and stakeholders on status, progress and current priority level on 2013-2015 recommendations (including VSB, VPL, Parks Board, Police and Fire). Compared input on past recommendations as to their relevance and priority level, and emerging new priorities from community stakeholders.	31-Dec-23	Facilitation Team	70%
	Strategic Education Sessions on Advances on Age-Friendly Environments	Identification of local and international experts across each of the eight age-friendly domains. Scheduling, Invites to City Departments, Councillors, Senior Serving Agencies, Academics, Health Authorities, Metro Vancouver Senior-Leads, Municipal staff, Provincial and Federal representatives	Schedule 5 - 8 Age-Friendly Domains relevant to City Staff Departments and OPEAC Priorities	15-Feb-24	Facilitation Team	
	CoV High Impact Recommendations for Revised Seniors Strategy	Building on work with and SPARC BC to support geo-mapping of CoV neighbourhoods from a seniors lens.	Bringing summaries of preliminary surveys to Incoming Seniors Lead	01-Feb-24	Marc and Susan	
	Updating geo-mapping of seniors housing, health care, transportation, and community programs and services		Creation of new geo-map overlays based on census 2021 and CMHC data	01-Apr-24	Marc and Susan	

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Strategic Directions	Objectives	Activities	Outputs/ Outcomes	Timeline	Lead	Progress
Seniors Isolation and Loneliness Community-based Initiative	Explore opportunities to facilitate a co-ordinated community-based approach to mitigate and prevent SIL	Identifying key stakeholders to participate in a workshop to explore opportunities to develop and enhance a co-ordinated and evidence-informed approach to mitigating and preventing SIL	Hold a planning workshop, and if sufficient interest to create a community-engaged task force to plan and developing a more co-ordinated approach to prevent and mitigate SIL.	15-Apr-24	Committee appointed leads	
	Explore within each of OPEAC Subcommittees opportunities to recommend and contribute to a strategic CoV approach to preventing and mitigating SIL	To create a small task group with representation across OPEAC committees to consider activities that can contribute to such an initiative.	Create a strategic road map within each subcommittee that builds on community interests and evolving strategies working in the context of municipal planning and OPEAC mandate.	15-Apr-24	Committee appointed leads	
Community Programs and Services	Strengthen the network of Community-Based Senior-Serving (CBSS) agencies in Vancouver	Support the West End Seniors' Network (WESN) to identify and collate a list of potential agencies, networks and contacts to participate in the Network of Organizations in Vancouver on Aging (NOVA)	Directory of Vancouver-based senior-serving agencies, networks and contacts	Dec. 2024	Andrea K	
		Collaborate with United Way BC to support the development of Community Collaboratives in Vancouver	Increased collaboration between CBSS agencies at the neighbourhood level	Dec. 2024	Andrea K	
	Strengthen programs and services for older persons in Vancouver with particular focus on underserved neighbourhoods	Support Strategic Lead, Seniors to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current landscape of existing programs and services for older persons in Vancouver	Inventory of programs and services for older persons in Vancouver	Dec. 2024	Andrea K	
		Explore opportunities and advocate for space, program / service enhancements, improved coordination and access in southwest Vancouver. Collaborate with synthesis of data arising from geo-mapping activities and NOVA to support gap analysis to inform future planning	Conversations with key partners, including City of Vancouver staff, local churches, ASK Friendship Society, Jewish Family Services, Association of Neighbourhood Houses BC (ANHBC), and others	Dec. 2024	Andrea K	
			Share learnings from process for program / service enhancements in southwest Vancouver that can be applied to other Vancouver neighbourhoods. Share preliminary findings of gap analysis from geo-mapping and NOVA activities	Dec. 2024	Andrea K	

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Strategic Directions	Objectives	Activities	Outputs/ Outcomes	Timeline	Lead	Progress
Transportation, Accessibility, Outdoor Mobility	Facilitate the creation of a Seniors Transportation Strategy to advance multi-modal and accessible transportation options for Vancouver's older adults, elders and care partners.	Collaborate with the Strategic Lead, Seniors and the Transportation Division to develop a work plan for implementation:	Identified CoV internal champion for seniors transportation strategy attends TAMS monthly meetings.	01-Jan-24	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	
		1) Initiate and update environmental scan of CoV and Metro Van transportation & accessibility initiatives + funded research projects: Identify and address gaps in: walking, rolling, cycling, transit + accessible safe street infrastructure from a seniors' lens.	Environmental scan document provided as supporting documentation for business case for CoV seniors transportation strategy and Safe Routes for Seniors Program	01-Jan-24	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	
		2) Create an intersectoral, multi-agency TAMS subcommittee (Identification and engagement of TAMS experts - from academic, govt and community -based sectors) to create TAMS action plan	Build on provincial seniors transportation working group, Seniors on the Move, Allies in Aging, integrate with ICBC, TransLink, VCH, VPD Road Safety, CBSS sector, Academic experts (MAP projectd).	01-Jan-24	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	
		3) Create 2024 calendar of education sessions to share results of environmental scan and best practices	Update evidence base on Safe Routes for Seniors program, identify guest speakers	01-Feb-24	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	
		4) Plan semi-annual events for CBSS sector to participate in CoV Walk, Roll, Cycle, Transit promotional campaigns (Spring and Fall); Emergency transportation for seniors as part of Emergency Preparedness for climate events	Collaborate with CoV Transportation Division and CBSS sector for May-June campaign and Oct-Nov campaign; collaborate with VEMA for spring/fall emergency preparedness campaigns	01-May-24	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	
		Continue to represent TAMS at CoV Accessibility Committee meetings, CoV staff presentations ensuring seniors-lens applied to decision-making	Attend bi-monthly meetings of CoV Accessibility Committee (Dale); attend ad-hoc meetings of staff presentations (all TAMS); attend to community inquiries about barriers to accessibility & outdoor mobility/transportation (all TAMS).	Ongoing	Andrea S, Dale, Kara, Linda	

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Strategic Directions	Objectives	Activities	Outputs/ Outcomes	Timeline	Lead	Progress
Seniors' Housing Strategy	Review WHO Age-Friendly Housing Domain Documents	Identified key WHO and related research on Age-Friendly Housing Domain documents. Reviewed CoV 2013-2015 Age-Friendly Action Plan Created Survey using this action-items and guidelines .	Collated and summarised survey results	31-Dec-23	Marc and Varouj	100%
	To support community input and activities to ensure that the Seniors Housing Strategy has measurable goals and objectives, targets, timelines, and partnerships to address the continuum of safe and affordable housing needs for people who wish to age in place, and have sufficient options to address their needs to live and thrive in their communities. Strategy Timeline: Q1 2024-Policy Refinement, Further Targeted Engagement, Report to Council July 2024	Identification of invited guests to enhance community engagement in housing issues; Seek input from academics and non-profit research bodies to better understand current demographics, attend research-based housing solution based webinars, identify leaders in Age-Friendly Housing domain to support OPEAC Educational Series targeting Councillors and City Staff.	Identify key stakeholders that can inform the creation, implementation and evolution of a comprehensive Seniors Housing Strategy	31-Mar-24	Marc and Varouj	50%
		Provide continued input in Seniors Housing Strategy that is evidence-informed and incorporates best practices, or emerging best practices internationally, nationally and regionally, and congruent with felt needs of older adults and elders and seniors' serving community organizations.	Ensuring the focus of the Seniors Housing Strategy for new construction is primarily focused on non-market, non-profit housing, in addition to ensure that CoV affordable housing initiatives include older persons and elders housing (at appropriate income thresholds). Create incentives and opportunities for co-housing, smaller non-profit long term care, supporting NORCs.	31-Mar-24	Marc and Varouj	
	To participate in the engagement process, bringing key stakeholders to explore, plan, prioritize and invest in housing initiatives, advocate for federal, municipal and other community grants to support housing in the context of living well in communities (healthcare, libraries, communities centres, senior hubs, food security, transportation, etc.).	Continue discussions and advocate among non-profit sector, philanthropists, community partners, government reps to participate in creating a comprehensive community plan for investment in seniors non-profit housing working closely with our Councillor Liaisons, and Senior-Lead. To identify and target federal, provincial and City owned land to better address seniors housing needs. To advocate for federal and provincial infrastructure and construction grants to offset land lease charges, and operating costs for non-profit housing to ensure that the majority of seniors housing projects are RGI.	Create interest and working committee to bring investment to building innovative seniors' /intergenerational housing. To preserve existing deeply affordable housing as long as possible, focusing on creating new housing identify those neighbourhoods where there is a lack of safe affordable housing	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	

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Strategic Directions	Objectives	Activities	Outputs/ Outcomes	Timeline	Lead	Progress
	Recognize that a housing strategy needs to support ageing in place, ensure that there is a continuum of affordable housing options across neighbourhoods, that creating new homes are better designed to support life-cycle housing for temporary and permanent mobility impairments. A housing strategy that is integrated into Vancouver Plan across all neighbourhoods with appropriate programs and services.	Working closely with Accessibility Task Force Strategy to ensure that Vancouver Building Code incorporates or exceeds the new Provincial Building Code. To support and advocate for geomapping to better understand gaps and equity issues at a neighbourhood level - linking housing to community programs and services. To work regionally, provincially and federally to secure funding envelopes specifically supporting the creation of non-profit housing.	Updated building code to better address building accessibility readiness, accessible pathways, building amenities to foster social interaction.	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	
	To support and facilitate safe transitional and supportive housing, improvements in SROs, as well preventative measures to prevent at risk seniors from homelessness	Work closely with non-profit housing organizations, service providers, VCH, housing experts, and other community partners to bring ideas on mechanisms and policies to prevent seniors from homelessness and improve the quality of life and services available to secure appropriate supportive housing	New policies in place to ensure that seniors have safe, affordable and supportive housing.	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	
	To support the planning for supporting non-profit Dementia Villages, small community-based non-profit LTC, and other innovative solutions to support individuals and their families	Working closely with the Alzheimer Society, community organizations, and academics to create safe housing environments that help seniors age in the right place congruent with their interests and needs	Working closely with VCH and MoH, and City Staff to establish housing strategies for this population	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	

	To seek Council support for targeted motions to promote local, regional, federal and provincial investment or contributions towards a Seniors Housing Strategy and specific initiatives that can build capacity within the non-profit sector to create and sustain safe, affordable and appropriate housing for older persons and elders to age in the right place.	Working with seniors advisory committees across Metro Vancouver and across BC to advocate for a provincial and regional strategies to support non-profit housing for seniors. To co-create a set of census-based guiding principles and community-informed guidelines to secure community, provincial and federal investment to rapidly expand non-market housing on city, provincial and federal land.	Through a community engagement process to identify and recommend a series of fundamental principles and guidelines to help operationalize the ABC Election Platform commitments on Social, Supportive, and Non-Market Housing. # of motions and success in facilitating the growth of the continuum of non-profit housing across neighbourhoods. New policies and guideline that help to preserve existing affordable housing, leverage community and government investment to rapidly increase non-profit and supportive housing for seniors and other vulnerable populations to address current and projected census-based needs.	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	
	To explore opportunities for the City of Vancouver to advocate for increasing seniors income, co-ordination and provision of services, within the context of addressing their housing and community needs.	Using the BC Seniors Advocate Report, other current data-driven reports with community input to recommend Council motions that can improve seniors income as well as appropriate programs and services.	# of approved motions that results in actions to enhance seniors income as well as appropriate programs and services.	Dec. 2024	Marc and Varouj	
Communications and Resources	Ensure CoV communication policies and practices are congruent with best practices in accessibility	Review the policies and guidelines in place for City public communication material, particularly those for consultation purposes, to ensure they all have a requirement for accessibility for older adults		Ongoing	Linda and Richard	
		Monitor the consultation and information materials produced by the City to ensure that the principles are being followed		Ongoing	Linda and Richard	
		Attend each engagement session as well as reviewing website and other City material		Ongoing	Linda and Richard	
	Provide internal policy development support	Provide assistance to other subcommittees on policy development if requested		Ongoing	Linda and Richard	
	Annual celebration	Plan annual celebration and recognition of older adults and elders		Ongoing	Linda and Richard	



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Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for persons with disabilities to fully participate in City services and civic life.

Objectives

Housing Subcommittee (see attached action plan for objectives):

These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:

- #1, “Vibrant and diverse”
- #2, “Housing”
- #4, “City services and infrastructure”
- #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
- #9, “Good government”

Social Inclusion Subcommittee (see attached action plan for objectives):

These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:

- #1, “Vibrant and diverse”
- #6, “Climate emergency”
- #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
- #9, “Good government”

Accessible City and Transportation Subcommittee (see attached action plan for objectives):

These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:

- #4, “City services and infrastructure”
- #5, “Safety and Security”
- #6, “Climate emergency”
- #7, “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
- #9, “Good government”

Housing Subcommittee

Co-Chairs: Sarah van Baarsen; and Jane Vorbrodt.

Members: Tasia Alexis; Mickael Frazer; Chris Hofley.

Non-PDAC Community Members: Laura Mackenrot (former PDAC Co-Chair); Chris Morrissey; Paul Gauthier; and Tina Hubert.

Subcommittee Mandate: Ensure that the built environment in the City of Vancouver is accessible and adequately addresses the diverse needs of people with all types of disabilities, including the development of, and access to, accessible and affordable housing. This objective, in alignment with the mandate of PDAC, looks to enhance access and inclusion for persons with disabilities in City services and civic life and necessitates continued collaboration between both external agencies and other civic agencies within the City of Vancouver.

Objectives: Several initiatives are being undertaken by PDAC's Housing Subcommittee to action this objective. They include:

1. Accessible Path

Take further action to ensure an exterior accessible path is required to one entrance in most newly built dwellings, such as houses, duplexes, triplexes, laneway houses and apartments. This will complete Vancouver's Adaptable Building Bylaw and ensure that people with disabilities can visit other people's homes.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: The inclusion of the requirement of an exterior accessible path to one entrance in most newly built dwellings to Vancouver's Adaptable Building Bylaw.

2. Urban Design Panel

The Urban Design Panel is a City of Vancouver agency that advises council and staff.

The Panel:

- Helps create urban design policy; and
- Reviews all civic building projects.

PDAC's Housing Subcommittee helped establish a role in the Urban Design Panel to:

- Review the accessibility of incoming rezoning and development permit applications;
- Identify recurring accessibility-related issues; and
- Liaise with City Staff and PDAC to prevent barriers from occurring in future projects.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: Formalize continuous inclusion of accessibility focused person on the Universal Design Panel.

3. Jeanette Anderson Street

Jeanette Anderson made many positive contributions to the disability community. She was the BC Association for Individualized Technology and Supports for People with Disabilities Peer-Support Co-coordinator with the Provincial Respiratory Outreach Program since 2002, participated on the City of Vancouver’s Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee, and advocated for increased accessibility in city planning and housing. Jeanette lived at George Pearson for decades and then finally got the supports to be able to live independently in the community. This street is being developed in the section/area/land in where the current George Pearson Centre will be demolished.

PDAC will ensure that an informational plaque about the disability advocate, Jeanette Anderson is installed on the Street named after her.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: An informational plaque honouring Jeanette Anderson is to be installed on the Street named after her.

4. George Pearson Advisory Committee

The Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Project looks to address high-priority healthcare needs by redeveloping two older long-term care facilities. The Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Committee supports this work.

In 2013, the Consensus Document was developed by PDAC, Pearson Residents Redevelopment Group, and the Disability Alliance, and was adopted by Vancouver Coastal Health and the City of Vancouver. The Consensus Document includes principles for autonomy, integration, and full, independent living, and is the guiding document for the deinstitutionalization of the Pearson Centre.

PDAC continues involvement with the Pearson Dogwood Redevelopment Committee to ensure that accessible housing and support for residents moving out of Pearson Centre and into the community follow the Consensus Document.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: Ensure that accessible housing and support for residents moving out of Pearson Centre and into the community follow the Consensus Document.

5. City of Vancouver Accessibility Bylaws, Policies, Standards

PDAC will review the current City of Vancouver accessibility bylaws, policies and guidelines regarding accessibility, and provide recommendations for adjustment or improvement.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: Review of current and proposed guidelines and bylaws, including comparison between versions.

6. The Right Fit; Inventory of Accessible Suites; Distribution based on need

PDAC will ensure the availability of affordable accessible community-based housing and for prompt assessment/provision of appropriate home support/equipment and review the relevant City of Vancouver policies.

Timeline: 2024 – 2027

Expected Outcome: Committee will continue to take on a review of co-op and City of Vancouver policies related; and to be part of any future working roundtables.

Social Inclusion Subcommittee

Chair: Salina Dewar

Members: Tasia Alexis, Vikram Bubber, Sarah van Baarsen

Non PDAC Community Member: Laura Mackenrot (former PDAC Co-Chair)

Issues will be addressed by the subcommittee, as a whole, though members may decide amongst themselves, from time to time, for a member to take the lead on a particular issue or 'step' to work on a particular issue.

Subcommittee Mandate: The Social Inclusion Subcommittee focuses on meaningful and full participation in City life, such as City events and programs, by people with disabilities. It works to bring awareness about barriers to full social participation, and to advise the City on the removal of those barriers. The following are issues the Subcommittee members intend to work to address:

1. Jeanette Andersen Street

(In collaboration with the housing sub-committee)

A plaque explaining the historical significance of George Pearson Centre and explaining the contribution of Jeanette Andersen towards community inclusion for people with disabilities. While the city has approved the naming of Jeanette Andersen Street, it is unclear when this will happen or why there may be a delay.

- Ensure city staff have information about Jeanette Anderson and her contribution to the city.
- Strengthening collaboration between City staff responsible for naming civic assets, and PDAC.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: The creation of Jeanette Andersen Street and a plaque that meaningfully recognizes Jeanette Andersen's contribution to civic life will be erected

PDAC and civic naming staff will collaborate on an on-going basis, to ensure that more people with disabilities are honored for the contributions to the City of Vancouver they made during their lifetimes.

2. Telephone Voting 2026 City Election

Continuing PDAC's efforts leading up to the 2022 city election, and previous ones, to address accessibility in city elections, this subcommittee is working on:

- Encouraging the City of Vancouver to take the lead on advocating to the Province, for legislative change that would allow telephone voting in municipal elections;
- Strengthening collaboration with PDAC prior to elections; and

- Maintaining ongoing contact with elections staff to ensure PDAC has the opportunity to provide feedback in time for it to inform actions for the next election.

Timeline: Now until the next election in 2026, with ongoing collaboration thereafter to continue to improve access for voters with disabilities

Expected Outcomes: Elections staff will seek feedback in time to incorporate it into elections activities, on an on-going basis.

With support from PDAC, it is hoped that the City of Vancouver will take the lead on promoting changes to Provincial law to allow for telephone voting in municipal elections; hopefully in time for the 2026 municipal elections.

3. Overcoming logistical issues and barriers to social inclusion at Vancouver Public Library

- Safety and Security at the library, for people with disabilities who use VPL services and programs.
- Accessible library services and programs that meet the needs of people with disabilities, whatever their age and disability might be.

Timeline: On-going

Expected Outcomes: Improved safety and program accessibility for people with disabilities who use the VPL's branches and services.

4. Work with city staff to promote social inclusion and raise awareness about observance of special days

- Promoting the lighting of city structures (e.g. City Hall, Science World, B.C. Place) on days that are of significance to people with disabilities.
- Encouraging the City of Vancouver to ensure that the accessible cars on the annual Stanley Park holiday train are functional whenever the train is running so that people with disabilities are not left out;
- Educating city staff about the harm that occurs when people with disabilities are left out of the main features of city events like the holiday train; and
- Ensure that all events hosted by the City comply with the Accessible Event Guidelines.

Timeline: Generally, ongoing. Regarding access to the holiday train: we hope our feedback will ensure that all persons will be able to access the train in time for the 2024 holiday season, and each year thereafter that the train is operational.

Expected outcomes: Subcommittee members will liaise with city event

planners and venues and provide feedback to ensure that the city recognizes the importance of celebrating disability, and accessibility for people of all abilities.

5. Promoting the interests and needs of people with disabilities who face additional barriers due to race, gender, sexual orientation, poverty etc.

- Subcommittee members will be hearing from staff working on the Anti-black racism strategy to explore opportunities to collaborate and share expertise;
- Subcommittee members will seek out similar connections working to address barriers to civil life due to identity and other personal characteristics and life circumstances; and
- Subcommittee members will provide feedback on city initiatives from an intersectional lens.

Timeline: Ongoing

Expected Outcomes: Committee members will work with city staff and others such as other committees, to share expertise so that our feedback and recommendations will better reflect the needs of all people with disabilities in the City.

6. Monitoring of the impact of federal legislation on the accessible elements of Vancouver’s plastic straw by-law;

- Liaising with federal contacts; and
- Providing feedback and support to City staff in their attempts to preserve the accessibility within its by-law.

Timeline: Ongoing, at least until the effects of federal legislation on the City by-law are known.

Expected outcomes: Subcommittee members will provide feedback to federal government contacts and provide feedback and support to city staff as requested by city staff,

7. Accessible Washrooms

(In collaboration with Accessible City and Transportation Subcommittee)
Problems with washroom accessibility have long-been raised by PDAC including at Davie Street, Ceperley Park, Skytrain washrooms, access to accessible washrooms at City venues during private functions; and

- Committee members to reach out to relevant city staff and others, to inform of concerns and follow up about any progress the city has made to address these concerns.

Timeline: On-going

Expected Outcomes: Greater access to accessible washroom facilities throughout the City.

Accessible City & Transportation Subcommittee

Chair: Caitlin Anderson

Members: Tasia Alexis, Peter Brown, Ana Booth, Adam Roper

Non PDAC Community Member: Laura Mackenrot (former PDAC Co-Chair)

In previous years Accessible City and Transportation were two separate subcommittees, PDAC has decided to merge these groups as many projects touch on both these themes.

Subcommittee Mandate:

The committee focuses on

1. Accessibility of the built environment of the City of Vancouver. It works to improve the accessibility of City buildings, facilities, parks, and general City works and initiatives.
2. Accessibility of transportation in the City of Vancouver. Working to improve persons with disabilities' ability to move freely around the city.

ACCESSIBLE CITY

PART A: Ongoing Accessible City Projects

1. Accessible Bathroom Strategy

(In collaboration with the Social Inclusion Subcommittee.)

Accessible washrooms for persons with disabilities is a paramount concern which PDAC and the City have worked on for several years. Recently an accessible bathroom strategy has been pursued by the City which is of great importance and goes a long way toward resolving this significant concern.

The subcommittee will continue to liaise with City staff to ensure that properly accessible bathrooms within City buildings and in certain City neighborhoods are created and maintained to allow for proper access by persons with disabilities.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: The supply of properly accessible washrooms within the City is increased to reflect the demand and the City's commitment to maximum

accessibility for persons with disabilities.

2. St. Paul's Hospital

It is important for PDAC to ensure that the new St. Paul's Hospital provides optimum accessibility for persons with disabilities. With due acknowledgment of the jurisdiction of Vancouver Coastal Health within this issue, the subcommittee wishes to ensure that the accessibility concerns of persons with disabilities are properly considered throughout the development of this project.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: The subcommittee will continue to pursue proper consultation and engagement with the appropriate City officials to ensure the proposed goal of maximum accessibility within this facility is met.

3. George Pearson Development and Pool

(In collaboration with the Housing Subcommittee.)

PDAC has had significant involvement in ensuring the accessibility concerns of persons with disabilities are fully recognized throughout this redevelopment.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Subcommittee involvement will continue to ensure this accessibility priority remains a focus of the ongoing redevelopment of this facility, with a particular focus on the accessibility of the proposed pool.

4. Street Furniture

Accessible street furniture is an important requirement for persons with disabilities, given the frequent need for rest for those with mobility challenges. PDAC has provided critical input to ensure that such structures are indeed accessible for those who need a properly accessible place to rest.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Continued consultation by City staff on the creation and location of accessible street furniture.

5. Patios

Street patios have become a common fixture to many restaurants throughout the city. In order to ensure proper accessibility to these establishments for people with disabilities, it is important for our subcommittee to be consulted and

opportunities provided for on-site inspections by persons with disabilities. This lived experience is critical to ensure accessibility concerns on such patios are met.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Ongoing consultation with the subcommittee including site visits to ensure that the access to and on city patios remains sufficient to allow full inclusion of persons with disabilities at these establishments.

PART B: New Accessible City Projects

1. New Development Projects

Our subcommittee is committed to providing advice and lived experience towards ensuring that all new developments within the City proceed through an accessible lens.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: City staff maintain proper consultation with PDAC through this subcommittee on the accessibility considerations of all new developments.

2. The Down Town East Side (DTES) Plan

A proper analysis of accessibility with persons with disabilities requires consideration of the intersectionality of various factors. One of the most prevalent factors which intersect with accessibility is poverty. A large segment of the disabled community live at or near the poverty line. Our subcommittee is well situated to advise on this issue as the DTES plan is developed.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Full and proper consultation with PDAC on how the various factors which intersect with accessibility must be considered and applied throughout the development and implementation of the DTES plan.

3. Legislated Accessible Committee

The Accessible British Columbia Act requires the City to create an accessibility committee to assist and advise the City on the identification and removal of barriers to accessibility. Subcommittee members are well situated to assist the accessibility committee as it begins to fulfill its obligations under this legislation.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Ongoing liaison between PDAC and the Accessibility Committee to share our expertise and advise on how the Provincial legislative goals in this regard may be met.

4. Education Around New Supportive Technologies

As can be expected, technological advances are occurring to assist persons with disabilities in achieving their full participation in civic life. Members of PDAC are often on the cutting edge with respect to these improvements.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: PDAC will assist City staff and be consulted on technological advances which assist in improving accessibility for people with disabilities.

5. Easy Access to Accessibility Resources

Proper information can only be of the upmost value to its target group when the members of that target group have proper access and knowledge of the information. This is particularly true with persons with disabilities who may have difficulty due to their specific disability, to identify and access necessary information to allow for their maximum participation in City events.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Proper consultation and collaboration between PDAC and City staff on the existence and benefits of technological advances [pertaining to the needs of people with disabilities.

TRANSPORTATION

PART A: Ongoing Transportation Projects

1. Stanley Park Access

Given mobility challenges, some persons with disabilities require motor vehicle access throughout the city. This point is particularly relevant to Stanley Park, which is a large geographical area and one of the most popular destinations within the city. PDAC is committed to ensure that proper accessibility, including accessible parking and access to proper accessible washrooms within the park, are maintained throughout the process of reassessing the park to meet the

City's climate change goals.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Proper consultation continues on this issue, including an opportunity for PDAC to review and respond to the findings of the upcoming final draft of the Stanley Park Mobility Study.

2. Handy Dart Registration and Other Program Updates

The use of Handy Dart buses remains a critical service for persons with disabilities. This usage, and that of all other similar programs should be as seamless as possible for the user. Thus, registration for the service must remain easily accessible, for to do otherwise creates a barrier to accessibility.

Timeline: On-going

Expected Outcomes: PDAC will continue to pressure service providers to ensure that registration for their services is as accessible as possible, in order to maximize ridership.

3. Broadway Extension

The Broadway Extension plan represents a substantial initiative which will undoubtedly have numerous accessibility considerations throughout the duration of the development. It is of the utmost importance that PDAC remain involved to provide ongoing advice on how these concerns can be mitigated or resolved.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Regular consultation by the project staff with PDAC in order to ensure timely and well-advised solutions can be implemented.

4. EV Charging Stations

As the use of electric vehicles continues to increase within the city, persons with disabilities will undoubtedly be faced with the need to access charging stations. A recent site visit to a Vancouver park identified the need for improved accessibility to these charging stations for persons with disabilities. It is important that the lived experience of persons with disabilities who will use these stations is incorporated into the proper planning and construction, in order that access to the charging apparatus is maintained.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Consultation, including site visits by drivers of electric vehicles who have a disability, in order to ensure charging stations are indeed properly accessible.

5. Snow Removal Plan

Snow and ice are significant and occasionally dangerous barriers to persons with disabilities. It is imperative that, where City jurisdiction exists, proper and timely snow removal is ensured, in order to allow for the continued and safe access of persons with disabilities throughout the City.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Ongoing consultation with City staff responsible for this area of concern.

PART B: New Projects

1. Mobility Devices in Bike Lanes

Many persons with disabilities utilize mobility devices to get around the city. It is unclear whether these devices properly should proceed on the sidewalk or can share the many bike lanes available to cyclists. It is preferable that this issue be clarified through an amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Ongoing discussion with City staff on how to proceed to clarify this concern.

2. Floating Bus Stops

Many disabled people rely upon public transit as their primary means of transportation throughout the city. However, with the addition of bike lanes on many major routes, there often arises a conflict between the cyclist in the bike lane and the transit rider who must cross the bike lane to the bus stop. This arrangement, known as a floating bus stop, has safety implications which do not appear to have been fully considered.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: To improve awareness of the lack of inclusivity of persons with disabilities arising from floating bus stops and the need for further consultation and collaboration to achieve safe solutions.

3. TransLink Access Transit Staff

As noted above, public transit plays a significant role in providing the opportunity for persons with disabilities to participate fully in civic life. As a result, there are many accessibility considerations for the disabled transit user which may arise and require consideration by, and consultation with, PDAC. Thus, PDAC and TransLink would mutually benefit from ongoing consultations.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Better overall accessibility for disabled transit users arising from enduring discussions between PDAC and TransLink on a regular basis.

4. Accessible Vehicle Availability in Vancouver Car Share

Persons with disabilities often require the services of taxis or car share services. While the taxi industry has provided accessible vehicles to meet the needs of their disabled clients, the recent influx of car share services has yet to do the same, which is a major barrier to those persons with disabilities who would otherwise utilize their services.

Timeline: On-going

Expected outcomes: Continued pressure on the car share service sector to improve the accessibility of their vehicles for use by persons with disabilities.

Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee

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Mandate

The mandate of the Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee is to advise Council on enhancing access and inclusion for Vancouver's diverse cultural communities to fully participate in City services and civic life.

Objectives

Objective 1: Ensuring racialized communities in Vancouver are part of the ongoing conversation as they pertain to Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting requirements and benchmarks.

Raising awareness of the implications of the ESG reporting requirements and how this impacts racialized communities, their businesses and the businesses they patronize. This objective is related to Council Strategic Priorities #6, "Climate Emergency," and #9, "Good Government."

Objective 2: Ensuring that as Vancouver moves to be net zero by 2050, racialized communities are provided support through the transition.

The transition to net zero infrastructure and electrification may result in additional costs to people living in Vancouver, and result in inequities among racialized populations. This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #6, "Climate Emergency."

Objective 3: Working with racialized communities towards additional safeguards related to policing, likely involving liaison officers and reporting measures.

Reporting measure revisions could include civilian liaisons making reports rather than police officers, as an officer may present a barrier to a racialized individual. Ensuring that police are responsive to the needs of racialized people. This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #5, "Safety and Security."

Objective 4: Advocating for systemic change such as changes in policies/legislation, practices, resource allocation, decision-making, etc. to improve the interaction of racialized individuals with the health care system in Vancouver.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #7, "Healthy, Inclusive, and Equitable."

Objective 5: Working towards the principle that housing is a human right, ensure renters and unhoused people are prioritized and the specific needs of racialized populations are considered in the City of Vancouver's housing plan.

Focusing on zoning and supply, encouraging purpose-built rentals and vacancy control. This objective is

related to Council Strategic Priority #2, "Housing."

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Renters Advisory Committee

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
<p>Identify specific action items integral to the stated objective (add or delete objectives or rows as needed).</p>	<p>Identify estimated timeline and/or end date for action items.</p>	<p>Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible for leading the objective, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success which can be included in annual reports.</p>	<p>Identify opportunities to collaborate with groups / organizations within or outside of the City (e.g. City staff).</p>
Support Pro-Renter Projects, Motions, City Reports				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with City Staff to ensure projects, motions, city plans pertaining to renters are presented at RAC meetings. 	<p>2023-2026</p>	<p>Co-Chairs, RAC</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>City Staff</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>2023-2026</p>	<p>RAC</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>City Staff, Council Liaisons</p>
Champion Tenant and Renter Rights				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulate motions and recommendations in support of tenant and renter rights. 	<p>2024-2026</p>	<p>Subcommittee 2A, RAC</p>	<p>Improve and support renter/tenant rights and supports as identified through the work undertaken by the RAC.</p>	<p>City Staff, Council Liaisons, Advocacy Groups</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC) to present to the RAC. 	<p>Q1 2024</p>	<p>Subcommittee 2A, RAC</p>	<p>Gather knowledge and data on current concerns and issues facing renters and the services that TRAC</p>	<p>TRAC, City Staff, Council Liaisons</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request data and invite experts/advocates to present from both renter and landlord the Residential Tenancy Act (RTA). 	<p>2024-2025</p>	<p>RAC</p>	<p>Understand and identify current gaps in knowledge to the current awareness of rights/responsibilities of the RTA.</p>	<p>City Staff, Council Liaisons, TRAC, VTU, LandlordBC</p>
Support the Delivery of Market and Non-Market Rental Supply				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 	<p>2024-2026</p>	<p>Subcommittee 2B, Subcommittee 1A, RAC</p>	<p>Present Council with recommendations which, if implemented, will improve the affordability, availability, and attainability of rental housing across the City.</p>	<p>Council Liaisons, City Staff, Non-Profit Housing Organizations, Advocacy Groups, Project Developers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support initiatives and projects that significantly increase the supply of rental housing. 	<p>2024-2026</p>	<p>RAC</p>	<p>RAC's support will improve the likelihood that City initiatives will be implemented, and that development projects will be approved.</p>	<p>City Staff, Non-Profit Housing Organizations, Project Developers</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for the increase of rental housing within neighbourhoods where renters are underrepresented. 	<p>2024-2026</p>	<p>Subcommittee 2B, Subcommittee 1A, RAC</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>City Staff, Advocacy Groups, Neighbourhood Associations</p>
Focus on At-Risk, Underrepresented Groups' Needs				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathering and synthesizing research, information, and stats on current needs of renters who are at-risk and/or historically underrepresented. 	<p>2024-2025</p>	<p>Subcommittee 1B, Subcommittee 2A, RAC</p>	<p>The information gathered on the current housing needs of at-risk and 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.</p>	<p>Advocacy Groups, City Staff</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

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Transportation Advisory Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Transportation Advisory Committee is to advise City Council on strategic priorities relating to walking, cycling and all active transportation modes, as well as public transit and congestion management, in Vancouver.

Objectives

Objective 1: Advocate for new measures to assist the City achieve its Climate Emergency Action Plan/Active and Transportation goals.

TRAC supports the Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) and Council’s adoption of addressing climate change as a key Strategic Objective. An integral component of the Climate Emergency Plan is promoting a transition to greater use of active transportation modes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. TRAC will review and comment upon existing and proposed policy and initiatives and advocate for new measures to assist the City to achieve its active transportation goals, including: 2/3 of trips in Vancouver will be by active transportation and transit, 50% of kilometers driven on Vancouver roads will be by zero emission vehicles and 90% of residents live within an easy walk and roll to meet their local needs by 2030.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #6, “Climate emergency.”

Objective 2: Support measures enhancing accessibility in active and public transportation in the context of urban densification.

As the City of Vancouver increases urban densification with planned projects and in accordance with recent provincial mandates, TRAC will consider the impacts of increased densification on transportation systems and will continue to advocate for enhancing active and public transportation including:

- The completion of the Broadway Subway, along with planning for a subway extension to UBC and the implementation of the Broadway Area Plan, which will have major impacts on transportation within the heart of the city and beyond.
- Proposed high density projects such as Jericho Lands, Oakridge, West End, Señákw and Quantum Park
- Densification of low-density neighborhoods

TRAC will also consider measures to support, enhance and promote accessibility of active and public transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #4, “City Services and infrastructure.”

Objective 3: Recommend ways to address gaps and underserved parts of the cycling network and of the supporting infrastructure.

TRAC views the City of Vancouver’s bike lane network as a vital transportation project. A primary TRAC focus will be to recommend measures to improve and enhance the network, ultimately encouraging more people to cycle around the city. This will include a specific focus on addressing gaps in underserved areas of the city such as Portside Greenway, Eastside Crosscut Greenway, Kent Avenue and others. TRAC will also advocate for

increased and enhanced infrastructure such as secure bicycle parking and bicycle sharing.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #4, "City Services and infrastructure."

Objective 4: Advocate for new measures to improve transportation network safety.

TRAC supports Council's strategic objective to enhance the safety of our transportation network. The committee will review existing and proposed policy and initiatives and advocate for measures to improve transportation safety. This will include supporting the integration of a zero traffic-related fatalities goal into all transportation planning/projects. In particular, TRAC will support and advocate for policies and programs to address safe integration of the rapidly-expanding array of e-bikes, e-scooters, e-skateboards and other personal rolling devices within the transportation network with special consideration to pedestrian safety. TRAC embraces accessibility and peaceful coexistence for all users as a primary goal for safety enhancement.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #5, "Safety and security."

Objective 5: Advocate for measures to enhance the City's data collection to support transportation planning.

Council's Strategic Objectives support using a data-driven approach to make decisions. TRAC supports this goal and will seek to use data analysis when reviewing and commenting upon transportation policy and projects and when advocating for new transportation measures. The committee will also advocate for measures to enhance the City's data collection to ensure data used in decision-making is comprehensive, current, and is applied with rigorous standards.

This objective is related to Council Strategic Priority #4, "City Services and infrastructure."

Action Plan

Action Items	Timeline	Committee Resources	Expected Outcomes	Partners/Stakeholders
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).
Advocate for new measures to assist the City achieve its Climate Emergency Action Plan/Active and Transportation goals				
<p>Review climate emergency plan & process to date</p> <p>Meet with Climate Emergency Plan team</p> <p>Obtain council liaison feedback on key priorities</p>		<p>References:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Emergency Action Plan Summary 2020-2025 (vancouver.ca) Climate Emergency Annual Report presentation - 2021 (vancouver.ca) Report, Climate Emergency Action Plan – Additional and Accelerated Climate Measures, June 14, 2023 (vancouver.ca) <p>TRAC Committee member(s)</p>	Key Council CEAP priorities identified	<p>Climate Emergency Team at City of Vancouver</p> <p>Councillor Adrienne Carr (Chair Metrovan Climate Action Committee)</p> <p>Lisa Dominator (TRAC and Chair Metrovan Climate Action Committee)</p> <p>Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability Department</p>
Identify where TRAC can be most helpful in the plan's implementation, including going to Council				Other committees
Identify opportunities to advance the goals of Climate Emergency Plan			Opportunities for TRAC to advance the goals of CEAP identified. Action plans identified and implemented.	
As appropriate, draft motions and recommendations to Council				
Support measures enhancing accessibility in active and public transportation in the context of urban densification				

<p>Identify developments and community plans and provincial legislative changes that will have significant transportation and other impacts to Vancouver.</p>		<p>References</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation 2050 Transportation Strategy • Regional Transportation Strategy Executive Summary • Transport 2050: 10-Year Priorities (2022-2031) • Transport 2050: 10 Year Priorities Executive Summary • June 2021 CoV Transport Update • City of Vancouver 2040 Transportation Plan • 2021 Survey • 5-Year Transit Plan (Pages 93-102) • Motion - Reallocation of Road Space to Support Shared Use During Pandemic: 2020 May 12 (vancouver.ca) • British Columbia Complete Communities Guide (gov.bc.ca) • Planning a liveable, sustainable city City of Vancouver 	<p>Developments, most current plans and documents identified.</p>	<p>Office of the Seniors' Advocate</p> <p>United Way</p> <p>City of Vancouver Advisory Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee • Persons with Disabilities Committee • Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee • Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee
<p>Obtain council liaison feedback on key priorities with respect to developments and impacts on transportation. Consider "Making Streets for People Program" and how this is integrated or considered in major developments.</p>		<p>TRAC Committee members</p>	<p>Key land development priorities identified with impacts on transportation and other areas.</p>	<p>City of Vancouver Planning department</p>

Identify gaps in transportation and other areas related to major developments.			Gaps in transportation plans and other areas identified.	
Identify where TRAC can be most helpful in land development and advancement of transportation plans.			Opportunities for TRAC to advance transportation plans supportive of major land developments and to provide comments/suggestions to advance "Making Streets for People".	
Obtain council liaison feedback on priority gaps and issues.		Council Liaison	Draft recommendations on improvements to mitigate transportation gaps and other areas.	
Draft motion(s) to council to resolve identified gaps.				
Recommend ways to address gaps and underserved parts of the cycling network and of the supporting infrastructure				
Identify the gaps in the bike network and supporting infrastructure including bike parking and shared bike programs.		Advisory group members	Gaps identified	HUB (ungap the map) City of Vancouver Engineering department
Prioritize the gaps (safety, security, existing projects, east and south Vancouver, funding, etc.)			Gaps prioritized	Youth advisory group Neighbourhood advisory groups HUB (ungap the map) Engineering department City of Vancouver Parks Board City of Vancouver Staff
Obtain council liaison feedback on priority gaps			Provide recommendations on improvements to resolve identified gaps	
Draft motion(s) to council to resolve identified gaps			Motion(s) be approved by council	

<p>Obtain safety and security related data and statistics (vehicle, bicycle, pedestrian incidents, fatalities, injuries etc.). Consider personal rolling devices such as electric kick scooters.</p>		<p>References: Moving Towards Zero Council Presentation December 2016 (vancouver.ca) Transportation safety Our action plan City of Vancouver E-mobility pilot project gets green light BC Gov News (2021 pilot)</p> <p>City of Vancouver Staff</p> <p>Related research undertaken at UBC, SFU, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cities, Health and Active Transportation Research (CHATR) Lab • Research on Active Transportation (REACT) lab 	<p>Statistics available for review</p>	
<p>Review data. Consider improvements to eliminate fatalities, reduce injuries.</p>				<p>City of Vancouver Engineering Department</p>
<p>Obtain council liaison feedback on priorities</p>			<p>Provide recommendations on improvements to resolve identified gaps</p>	
<p>Draft motion(s) to council to resolve identified gap</p>			<p>Motion(s) be approved by council</p>	
<p>Advocate for measures to enhance the City's data collection to support transportation planning.</p>				

2023 – 2026 Work Plan

Women’s Advisory Committee

Mandate

The mandate of the Women’s Advisory Committee is to advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life.

Objectives

Advancing Progress on the [Women’s Equity Strategy \(2018-2028\)](#)

1. Uplift and support voices of local communities and organizations that support women and marginalized genders.

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

Gender-based Violence/Women’s Safety

1. Advise Council and city staff on practical actions to improve safety for women and marginalized genders in the city through an intersectional, action-oriented approach.
2. Full implementation of the 284 recommendations from the Red Women Rising report+ MMIWG2S+ Final Report that are within the city’s jurisdiction.
3. Explore the city’s role in providing safe and affordable housing options for women and gender-diverse individuals fleeing violence.
4. Explore the relationship between gender-based violence, the opioid crisis, and toxic drug supply.

These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:

- #1: “Vibrant and diverse”
- #2: “Housing”
- #5: “Safety and security”
- #7: “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
- #8: “Reconciliation”

Child Care Strategy

1. Continue to advocate for practical and timely solutions and implementation of accessible and affordable child care.
2. Cultivate strong partnerships with, and promote dialogue and cooperation among, organizations at all levels working to shape and implement child care policy and practices.

These objectives are related to Council Strategic Priorities:

- #7: “Healthy, inclusive, and equitable”
- #9: “Good government”