



## **RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**July 18, 2018**

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, at 5:30 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Karen Sawatzky, Chair  
Farhan Beg  
Natasha Edgar  
Randy Keats  
Emmett Keyserlingk  
Annie Martin\*  
Jaraad Marani  
Noah Quastel  
Andrew Sakamoto  
Maddison Spenrath\*  
Meseret Taye\*  
Andrea Winkler

**ABSENT:** Karen Ameyaw (Leave of Absence)  
Daniel Oleksiuk (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Adriane Carr  
Councillor Andrea Reimer (Council Liaison)  
Edna Cho, Housing Policy (Staff Liaison)

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Maddison Spenrath  
SECONDED by Jaraad Marani

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Karen Ameyaw and Daniel Oleksiuk for today's meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Meseret Taye and Annie Martin absent for the vote)

**1. Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Randy Keats  
SECONDED by Farhan Beg

THAT the Minutes of the Renters Advisory Committee meeting held May 23, 2018, be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**2. Rental Demolition of Purpose-Built Rental Housing Moratorium - Motion Referral from Council for Committee Input**

Councillor Carr introduced her motion on the moratorium on demolition of purpose built rental housing building, which was referred by Council, on July 11, 2018, at the Standing Committee for City Finances and Services, to the Renters Advisory Committee for their advice prior to consideration by Council. Councillor Carr and Councillor Reimer responded to questions from the Committee. Edna Cho, Housing Policy, Staff Liaison, provided a presentation with the staff response to the Committee's information request and next steps in terms of the Committee's response to the Council referral motion.

MOVED by Karen Sawatzky  
SECONDED by Annie Martin

WHEREAS

Councillor Carr's motion on the moratorium on demolition of purpose built rental housing buildings was referred by Council, on July 11, 2018, at the Standing Committee for City Finances and Services, to the Renters Advisory Committee for their advice prior to consideration by Council.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee (the "Committee") meet on August 15, 2018, for a working session in order to further discuss Councillor Carr's motion on the moratorium on demolition of purpose built rental housing buildings;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee ask staff to provide additional information in regards to questions that were brought up at their regular meeting on July 18, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Maddison Spenrath absent for the vote)  
(Noah Quastel abstained from the vote)

*Note: Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states, "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative."*

**3. Presentation - Property Endowment Fund (PEF) & New Affordable Housing Endowment Fund (VAHEF)**

Greg Hamilton, Manager, Property Endowment Fund (PEF), presented an overview of the PEF purpose, goals and objectives. Also, Mr. Hamilton introduced the proposed structure for the New Affordable Housing Endowment Fund (VAHEF) and responded to questions.

**4. Presentation – Family Housing Initiative**

Eóin O'Connor, Planner, Housing Policy, presented an update on the findings of the *Talk Vancouver* survey on the Family Housing Initiative. The initiative seeks to review the housing design guidelines from 1992, looking at maximum and minimum family unit sizes, amenity requirements and design flexibilities, such as inboard bedrooms. Eóin O'Connor and Edna Cho responded to questions.

**7. Chair's Update**

The Chair introduced the possibility of collaboration with Landlord BC, in order to deliver an informative and interactive educational event for mayoral and council candidates from across Metro Vancouver. The event will focus on the opportunities and barriers to building secure, purpose-built rental housing.

MOVED by Karen Sawatzky  
SECONDED by Andrea Winkler

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee (the "Committee") co-present with Landlord BC a free educational workshop aimed at Council and Mayoral candidates in the City of Vancouver and Metro Vancouver, with the goal of helping candidates better understand the process, costs and obstacles to building purpose-built market rental housing;

FURTHER THAT the Committee would like the workshop to be held in the evening and to take place in late August or early September 2018;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee empower the Chair, Karen Sawatzky, with the support of Committee members, Jaarad Marani and Emmett Keyserlingk, to liaise and co-ordinate the details of this event with Landlord BC.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Maddison Spennath absent for the vote)  
(Noah Quastel abstained from the vote)

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**8. New Business**

The Chair informed the Committee that Samrah Mian has resigned from the Committee and extended thanks for the expertise and insights Samrah contributed to the Renters Advisory Committee's work.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Randy Keats  
SECONDED by Annie Martin

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Wednesday, September 26, 2018  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room 1, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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