



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 14, 2021

A meeting of the Women's Advisory Committee was held on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at 5:36 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT: Jenny Tan (Co-Chair)
Tanya Webking (Co-Chair)
Michael Biskar*
Eva Ciesielska
Adam Huizinga
R. Paul Kerston
Steve Kim
Liam Menard*
Robert Penkala
Mitchell Prost*
Victor Rizov
Kit Sauder
Aidan Shirley
Oliver South

ABSENT: Jacint Simon (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Pete Fry, Council Liaison
Councillor Jean Swanson, Council Liaison
Jennifer Hales, Social Planner, Homelessness Services
and Affordable Housing, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Tina Penny, Deputy City Clerk
Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Meeting Coordinator acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting began with Committee members introducing themselves.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Aidan Shirley
SECONDED by Jenny Tan

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Jacint Simon, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Chair/Vice-Chair Election

Following due process, the Committee elected Jenny Tan and Tanya Webking, as Co-Chairs, both by acclamation, for the term ending December 31, 2021.

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At this point in the meeting, Jenny Tan and Tanya Webking assumed the roles of Co-Chairs.

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2. Roles and Responsibilities

The Meeting Coordinator reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the Committee, the Council Liaisons, External Liaisons, and the Staff Liaison. Subsequently, liaisons introduced themselves and their respective portfolios.

3. Work Plan Discussion

The Meeting Coordinator informed the Committee of their annual reporting requirements, which includes an annual work plan, and an annual report of activities. Subsequently, the Committee discussed the development of a work plan and highlighted the following areas of interest:

- Affordability/equity
- Rental protections
- Expanding/changing rental through zoning/permitting
- Looking/learning from other jurisdictions
- Discrimination in rental housing
- Allowing pets in rental housing
- Co-op housing regulations
- Renter support
- Seniors concerns
- Mandate larger units for family sizes/uses
- Campaigning the province to include more rental in regulations
- Standards of maintenance regulations
- Building code changes
- Looking at mixed use spaces for business: Artist's Lofts, accommodation of creative businesses in Purpose Built Rentals

4. New Business

(a) The City's Streamlining Rental Initiative - Feedback

The Committee discussed staff's presentation on *Streamlining Rental – Making it easier to build secure rental housing in more neighbourhoods*, and agreed to postpone providing official feedback until the Report is referred to Public Hearing.

Note: Public engagement opportunities available at this [link](#) until July 27, 2021.

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At 7: 28 pm, during discussion on New Business, it was

*MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley*

THAT the Committee extend the meeting past 7:30 pm in order to complete New Business.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Michael Biskar, Liam Menard and Mitchell Prost absent for the vote)*

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ADJOURNMENT

*MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley*

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Michael Biskar, Liam Menard and Mitchell Prost absent for the vote)*

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, September 15, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 8:03 pm.

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