



RENTERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

A meeting of the Renters Advisory Committee was held on **Wednesday, September 15, 2021**, at 5:35 pm, by electronic means.

PRESENT:

Tanya Webking (Co-Chair)
Adam Huizinga*
R. Paul Kerston
Steve Kim
Robert Penkala
Mitchell Prost*
Kit Sauder
Aidan Shirley
Jacint Simon
Oliver South

ABSENT:

Michael Biskar
Eva Ciesielska (Leave of Absence)
Liam Menard
Victor Rizov (Leave of Absence)
Jenny Tan (Co-Chair) (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: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

Tanya Webking, Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Robert Penkala

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Eva Ciesielska, Victor Rizov, and Jenny Tan, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes – July 14, 2021

MOVED by Mitchell Prost
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2021, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Renters Services Centre – Update & Feedback

Jennifer Hales, and Kristin Patten, Social Planners within the Homelessness Services and Affordable Housing Programs team, provided a presentation on a future City of Vancouver Renter Services Centre, and responded to questions. The Committee members provided feedback and comments to staff.

2. Climate Emergency Parking Program – Follow-up

Paul Krueger, Planner, Transportation Planning Branch, provided a presentation on the Climate Emergency Parking Program, and responded to questions. Paul noted that the staff report will be presented to Council at the Council meeting on October 5, 2021; agenda for the meeting is available at the following [link](#).

3. Liaison Updates

Councillor Fry noted renter related topics discussed at the 2021 Union of BC Municipalities Convention, which took place from September 14, to September 17, 2021. Councillor Fry highlighted the following topics:

- Processing speed of rezonings;
- Tenant protection policies;
- Co-ops; and
- Property transfer tax - affordable housing and co-op housing.

Councillor Swanson provided updates on the following:

- Senior Advisory Committee – Motion asking Council to request that the Province increase the senior rent supplement; and

- Staff report/memo on protecting tenants from Real Estate Investment Trusts to be delivered to Council later this fall.

4. Discussion of Committee Priorities

During discussion, it was

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee adopt the following priority items as a draft guide for the Committee's work plan:

- Advocate for additional rental stock and increase in overall housing supply in the City of Vancouver, by prioritizing affordability and housing;
- Advocate for utilizing additional revenues generated by the City of Vancouver from increasing rental and housing supply, to partner with provincial and federal support, and available lands to fund affordable rental supply; and
- Advocate for policies that support equity, inclusion, reconciliation, and access to rental supply for families, seniors, BIPOC persons, and persons of diverse lived experiences.

CARRIED
(Adam Huizinga and R. Paul Kerston opposed)
(Mitchell Prost absent for the vote)

5. New Business

(a) Streamlining Rental Around Local Shopping areas – Amendments to the C-2, C-2B, C-2C, and C-2C1 zones and Creation of New Rental Zones in Adjacent Areas

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Oliver South

THAT the Renters Advisory Committee request that the Meeting Coordinator distribute information to the Committee members on what options the Committee has in order to communicate with Council once the staff report entitled "Streamlining Rental Around Local Shopping areas – Amendments to the C-2, C-2B, C-2C, and C-2C1 zones and Creation of New Rental Zones in Adjacent Areas", has been referred to Public Hearing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Adam Huizinga abstained from the vote)
(Mitchell Prost absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kit Sauder
SECONDED by Aidan Shirley

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Adam Huizinga and Mitchell Prost absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Wednesday, November 10, 2021
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: TBA

The Committee adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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