

MOTION ON NOTICE

4. Empowering Resident Voices on Resident Advisory Committees

MOVER: Councillor Reimer

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to bringing the community into City Hall by engaging residents, and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy;
2. In February 2009 Council re-instated the Multicultural, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committees, established the City's first Women's and LGBTQ Advisory Committees, and renewed the mandates of Food Policy Council and Bicycle Advisory Committee and over the past six years these seven committees have provided invaluable policy advice, undertaken important research, and fostered noted city initiatives;
3. On July 26, 2011, Council committed to expanding the mandate of the Bicycle Advisory Committee to include all forms of active transportation, and particularly that pedestrian voices and issues were included in transportation decisions;
4. On October 18, 2011 and October 20, 2011, Council committed to establishing an Arts and Culture Advisory Council and Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee respectively;
5. On February 29, 2012, the Civic Asset Naming Committee was established by Council to provide greater public input into the naming of City assets and infrastructure, and to ensure recommended names better reflected the history of all of Vancouver's diverse communities;
6. On April 10, 2013, Council agreed to establish a Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee to provide advice to Mayor and Council on issues, programs, policies and services related to children, youth and families;
7. Although renters make up more than half the population of the City of Vancouver, they comprise far less than half of the residents who participate in City consultations and engagement processes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

- A. THAT Council establish the following Type A committees as advisory to Council with mandates and terms of reference as outlined in *Appendix A*:
 - Active Transportation Policy Council
 - Arts and Culture Policy Council

- Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
 - Civic Asset Naming Committee
 - Cultural Communities Advisory Committee
 - Food Policy Council
 - LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee
 - Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
 - Renters Advisory Committee
 - Seniors' Advisory Committee
 - Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee
 - Women's Advisory Committee
- B. THAT Council renew the following Type B committees as advisory to staff and that their mandates and terms of reference remain unchanged:
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
 - First Shaughnessy Design Panel
 - Gastown Historic Planning Committee
- C. THAT Council appoint a non-voting Councillor liaison to each of the committees listed in A and B above, and invite the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation and the Vancouver Board of Education to send a non-voting liaison.
- D. THAT Council direct the City Manager to assign a staff liaison to each committee listed in A and B above for the purpose of providing information and advice on City programs and work that is relevant to the mandate and workplan of the assigned advisory body.
- E. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with advertising for all committees requiring appointment with the goal that all committee members be appointed no later than February 2015.
- F. THAT Council direct staff to organize an annual "Council of Councils". This facilitated meeting shall be: open to all members of Type A advisory committees; include information on roles, responsibilities and rights; allow each advisory committee to briefly present their priorities/workplans for the year; and provide information on effective meeting facilitation and follow up.
- G. THAT Council acknowledge the dedication of all outgoing committee members and thank them for their service to the City of Vancouver.

COMMON STRUCTURES

Terms of Reference	<p><i>Policy Advice</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide input to City Council and city staff about issues of concern • Consider any matters which may be referred to the Committee by Council or staff • May take positions on policy initiatives from other levels of government within the mandate of the Committee <p><i>Collaboration</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work co-operatively with other agencies whose activities affect constituent communities, including initiating and developing relevant projects • Act as a resource for staff doing public involvement processes and/or civic events <p><i>Awareness & Outreach</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exchange information with the constituent communities and the general public about relevant programs and issues of interest • Engage in outreach to disseminate information and encourage participation from constituent communities
Planning & Reporting	<p>Produce an annual work plan with specific objectives by no later than April of each year, in consultation with Council and staff liaisons, for distribution to Council and civic departments for information</p> <p>Submit an annual report to Council describing its accomplishments for the year, including reference to each objective set out in the work plan and any arising issues to which the Committee has responded.</p>
Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee members are selected through the City of Vancouver's Civic Committee public selection process except where noted below • The Committee Chair is selected by the members at the first meeting for the Council term of the Committee.
Length of Term	Committee members are appointed until February 28, 2017

Committee	Mandate	Additional Terms of Reference	Membership
Active Transportation Policy Council	To advise City Council on strategic priorities relating to walking, cycling and all active transportation modes in Vancouver, and public transit	Advises Council and staff on <i>Transportation 2040</i> and <i>Active Transportation Master Plan</i> as they are developed, implemented, and updated	15 voting members (8 is quorum) from the following active transportation areas (five members from each area): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling • Peds • Public Transit
Arts and Culture Policy Council	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.	Advises Council and staff on the <i>Culture Plan for Vancouver 2008 - 2018</i> as it is developed, implemented, and updated	15 voting members (8 is quorum) with 13 appointed from the community and two appointed, one from each of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Art Committee • Civic Theatres Board
Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on matters that relate to children, youth and families.	If requested by the Court, the Committee is also mandated as a family court committee under the <i>British Columbia Provincial Court Act</i> and as a youth justice committee under the <i>Youth Justice Act</i> .	21 voting members (11 is quorum) representing the following three age groups, determined at the beginning of their term, in equal thirds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 or younger • Between 15 and 21 • 22 or older
Civic Asset Naming Committee	To advise Council on matters pertaining to the naming of City-owned assets, with the exception of assets operated by the Park Board, and the Vancouver Public Library.		9 voting members (5 is quorum) with five appointed from the community and one from each of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vancouver Historical Society • Vancouver Public Spaces Network • Cultural Communities Advisory Committee • Urban Aboriginal Peoples' Advisory Committee

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Cultural Communities Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for Vancouver's diverse cultural communities to fully participate in City services and civic life	Works with city staff on civic events which celebrate diversity, e.g. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	15 voting members (8 is quorum) with 12 appointed from the community and three appointed from the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration and Refugees
Food Policy Council	To support the development of a food system where food is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe, nutritious, and culturally appropriate • Affordable, available, and accessible to all • Produced, processed, marketed, consumed, and waste products reused or managed in a manner that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financially viable • Protects the health and dignity of people • Minimally impacting the environment 	Advises Council and staff on the <i>Vancouver Food Strategy</i> as it is developed, implemented, and updated	21 voting members (11 is quorum) including 15 from the following food system areas (three members from each area): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production • Processing and Distribution • Retail • Access and Consumption • Waste Management <p>The council also has six at-large members</p>
LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirited and queer communities to fully participate in City services and civic life	Works with city staff to ensure that city facilities and events are accessible for people who identify outside the gender binary	15 voting members (8 is quorum) with equal numbers of women- and male-identified people with at least one person who identifies outside the gender binary and one seat reserved for an Aboriginal person which may not be filled otherwise.
Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access for inclusion for persons with disabilities to fully participate in City services and civic life.	Works with city staff to ensure that civic events are accessible for persons with disabilities	15 voting members (8 is quorum)

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Renters Advisory Committee	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.		15 voting members (8 is quorum)
Seniors' Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for persons with disabilities to fully participate in City services and civic life.		15 voting members (8 is quorum)
Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for urban Aboriginal peoples to fully participate in City services and civic life.	Advises Council and staff on the <i>City of Reconciliation Framework</i> as it is developed, implemented, and updated	15 voting members (8 is quorum) with at least three members identifying as Metis
Women's Advisory Committee	To advise Council and staff on enhancing access and inclusion for women and girls to fully participate in City services and civic life.	Advises Council and staff on the <i>Gender Equality Strategy</i> as it is developed, implemented, and updated.	15 voting members (8 is quorum)