



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of June 5th, 2025

To: Committee of the Whole
From: Councillor Gardiner
Subject: Residential Tenancy Act

Date: May 27th, 2025

BACKGROUND

At the May 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting I asked Chief Manak what changes he thought would assist supportive housing managers in controlling the behaviour of those housed in supportive housing buildings such as the Swift Street and Fort Street complexes.

My question followed news of the Greater Victoria Emergency Response Team (GVERT) action which involved the seizure of fentanyl, a handgun, and substantial cash located in a supportive housing facility.

In early April I attended the forum put on by Pacifica Housing "Beyond the Noise". Managers from a few areas in BC described their challenges maintaining a safe place for those housed in the supportive housing complexes they managed. One manager from Victoria described his complex as a "war-zone".

RECOMMENDATION

That Council recommend that the Mayor write to the Premier, copying the Minister of BC Housing and Municipal Affairs, and the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, requesting:

- 1) that the BC Government make changes to the Residential Tenancy Act as per the BC Coalition for Safe and Sustainable Housing recommendation (removing supportive housing from the Residential Tenancy Act).
- 2) that the BC Government make changes to policy and regulation to permit the local police to work with BC Housing supportive housing contractors during their selection of people who are invited into supportive housing complexes.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Gardiner", written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Gardiner
