

H.2 Council Member Motion: Residential Tenancy Act

Committee received a Council Member Motion from Councillor Gardiner dated May 27, 2025 requesting changes to the Residential Tenancy Act by removing supportive housing and improving safety in supportive housing by permitting police involvement in tenant selection.

Moved and Seconded:

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.

Motion to refer:

Moved and Seconded:

That this matter be referred to the June 26, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, and that Council requests Mayor Alto communicate with the B.C. Coalition for Safe and Sustainable Supportive Housing (SaSSH) to clarify advocacy on their behalf to the provincial government, and report back at the June 19, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting.

OPPOSED (3): Councillor Hammond, Councillor Gardiner, Councillor Coleman

CARRIED (6 to 3)