



**Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 8, 2018**

Date: October 30, 2018

From: Councillor Dubow and Councillor Loveday

Subject: Better Representing Renters in City Decision-Making through the Creation of a Renters' Advisory Committee

Background:

Roughly 60% of residents in Victoria are renters.

In Victoria and other cities across Canada, renters are under-represented in decision-making processes. To help ensure that renters are better represented in decision-making processes, many cities have established advisory committees made up of renters and tenant advocates to advise on policy, bring experiential knowledge, and help the municipality achieve goals relating to providing adequate and affordable housing for residents.

It is therefore recommended that the City of Victoria establish a Renters' Advisory Committee and adopt the attached interim terms of reference.

Recommendation:

That Council:

1. Approves the formation of a Renters' Advisory Committee.
2. Adopts the attached Interim Terms of Reference for the committee, pending input from committee members on potential revisions.
3. Directs staff to invite applications from members of the public for appointment to the committee, aiming for an initial committee meeting in January 2018.
4. Appoints Councillors Dubow and Loveday as the initial Council Liaisons to the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,



Councillor Dubow



Councillor Loveday

Attachment:

1. Interim Terms of Reference for Renters' Advisory Committee