

# Renters' Advisory Committee (RAC), 2019 to 2021

## Strategic Work Plan Progress Report, March 2021



This Work Plan was adopted on September 17, 2019, and significant progress has been made on the following actions:

### 2019:

- Victoria Housing Strategy Phase Two Action Development & Prioritization
- Tenant Assistance Policy Review
- Amended Terms of Reference
- Downtown Core Area Plan Working Group Nomination

### 2020:

- Residential Properties Standards of Maintenance Bylaw
- Tenant Planner Position
- Housing Conversion Regulations Bylaw
- Tenant Engagement Toolkit
- Renters Advisory Committee Recommendations for Council's AVICC Resolutions:
  - Tax land and improvements separately
  - Reduce Pet Restrictions
  - Establish a provincial Standards of Maintenance Bylaw
- Missing Middle Housing
- Villages and Corridors Planning and Working Group Nomination
- COVID-19 Prioritization of Housing Strategy Actions to improve housing security

### 2021:

- Greater Victoria Rent Bank Program
- Proposed Rental Business Licensing Bylaw

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### **Principles:**

RAC to identify a set of high-level values and principles that guide their work over their term.

### **Objectives:**

RAC to identify a set of overarching objectives that are achieved through proposed actions. Some draft objectives are provided below for consideration and refinement:

1. Consulting on the City's Housing Strategy Actions & Policy Development
2. Building Tenant Awareness
3. Advocating to Multiple Levels of Governments
4. Addressing Emergent Issues

Timeline	Action Items	Progress	Outputs
<b>Objective 1: Consulting on Housing Strategy Actions &amp; Housing Policy</b>			
2019-2020	Housing Strategy Action Consultation	✓	Staff Report to Council
	Tenant Assistance Policy Review	✓	
	Residential Properties Standards of Maintenance Bylaw	✓	
	Family Housing Policy	Recommend in 2021	
	Secured Rental Housing Policy	Recommend in 2021	
	Rental Replacement Policy		
2020-2021	Tenant Planner Position	✓	
	Housing Conversion Regulations Bylaw	✓	
	Rental Business Licensing Bylaw	Underway	
	Working Groups: Villages and Corridors & Downtown Core Area Plan	✓	
	Missing Middle Housing	Underway	
2022	Co-op, Co-housing, and Land Trusts	N/A	
	Inclusive Housing		
	Intergenerational Housing		
	Housing Policy Working Group		
<b>Objective 2: Building Tenant Awareness</b>			
2019	Tenant Engagement Strategy	✓	Staff Report to Council
	Housing Champions	Targeted for 2022	
2020	Housing Talk Series	Targeted for 2022	

Timeline	Action Items	Progress	Outputs
<b>Objective 3: Building Tenant Awareness</b>			
2020	RAC recommendations for Council's AVICC Resolutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tax land and improvements separately</li> <li>• Reduce Pet Restrictions</li> <li>• Establish a provincial Standards of Maintenance Bylaw</li> </ul>	✓	Advocacy
<b>Objective 4: Addressing Emergent Issues</b>			
2020	COVID-19 Reprioritization of Housing Strategy Actions	✓	Staff Report to Council
2020	Revised Terms of Reference with new attendance requirement	✓	
TBD	Tenant safety (Licencing of landlords and police involvement)	TBD	Committee-lead actions
TBD	Utility bills charges	TBD	
TBD	Noise Bylaws and Enforcement	TBD	
TBD	Funding for tenant groups	TBD	

**Guest Presentations:**

- Community Social Planning Council – Under Pressure: The rental housing experience of seniors living in James Bay, Victoria
- Community Social Planning Council – Greater Victoria Rent Bank Pilot Program
- Residential Tenancy Branch – Enforcement & Compliance Branch