

Attachment J – Advisory Committee Resolutions

Accessibility Advisory Committee Motions

Feb 8, 2022

MOTION – That the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) recommends to Council that: The term of the AAC, due to expire in April 2022, be extended until the Governance Review is concluded and a new advisory committee structure is implemented. Staff work with the AAC to update the terms of reference for Council approval.

Moved by L. Bartram

Seconded by C. Paisley

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

March 8, 2022

MOTION – That the AAC recommends to Council that Committee members receive an honorarium for their participation set at the rate equivalent to the Living Wage in British Columbia.

Moved by C. Paisley

Seconded by N. Moss

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Renters' Advisory Committee Motions

January 2022 – April 2022

January 18, 2022

Motion

It was moved by Alieda Blandford, seconded by Leslie Robinson, that the RAC endorse the proposal to amend the Tenant Assistance Policy's right of first refusal to the existing rent, rather than 10% below market.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

It was moved by Alieda Blandford, seconded by Leslie Robinson, that Council endorse the following resolution and submit this resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities:

WHEREAS vacancy control does not apply to new construction and developers will still have incentive to build new units;

WHEREAS in B.C. there are mechanisms through which a landlord may apply to the Residential Tenancy Branch for an additional rent increase if they have incurred eligible capital expenditures or expenses to the residential property in which the rental unit is located;

WHEREAS rents continue to rise faster than inflation and the provincially allowable rent increases and the loss of stable rental housing stock and displaced renters adversely affects local economy, community, and ability to maintain health and essential services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that for the health of our local economies, AVICC and UBCM advocate that the Provincial Government explore a vacancy control policy that would limit rent increases between tenancies.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

It was moved by Carrie Chapple, seconded by Alieda Blandford, that Council endorse the following resolution and submit this resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities:

WHEREAS to expand the supply of community and affordable housing, experts tasked with delivering the final report of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability recommend that:

The federal and provincial governments independently or jointly create an acquisition fund to enable non-profit housing organizations to acquire currently affordable housing properties at risk of being repriced or redeveloped into more expensive units. Conditions should be attached to this funding that will prevent forced displacement of existing tenants when a building is acquired. The B.C. government should exempt non-profit organizations from the property transfer tax for building acquisitions that will be used to provide affordable housing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM advocate that the Provincial Government support the recommendation of the Canada-British Columbia Expert Panel on the Future of Housing Supply and Affordability, to develop a provincial acquisition strategy and grant program that would allow non-profit housing providers to purchase and repair ageing rental stock for the purposes of maintaining existing affordable housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

It was moved by Leslie Robinson, seconded by Ryan Moen, that Council endorse the following resolution and submit this resolution for consideration at the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities:

WHEREAS the Provincial Government has pledged to, alleviate the rental housing crisis, strengthen tenant protections, and expand the efficacy of the Residential Tenancy Branch;

WHEREAS B.C. is in the midst of a housing crisis which has pushed many tenants into vulnerable living situations and legal aid funding for tenancy issues would provide tenants with a fair opportunity to participate in the adjudication of their tenancy issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that AVICC and UBCM advocate that the Provincial Government reinstate the funding of poverty law legal aid for tenancy issues.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion

It was moved by Leslie Robinson, seconded by Ryan Moen that RAC request Council to ensure that the next Connect newsletter include the *Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw* to inform tenants of

the protections being offered with the supervision of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion office to ensure the language is accessible to all citizens.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

February 15, 2022

Motion:

It was moved by Ryan Moen, seconded by Carrie Chapple, that Council provides all the necessary staffing and funding to make the *Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw* enforceable at the municipal level.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion:

It was moved by Ryan Moen, seconded by Carrie Chapple, that Council consider liaising with the BC Metis Federation and Metis Nation British Columbia regarding partnerships for housing.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

March 15, 2022

Motion:

It was moved by Leslie Robinson, seconded by Ryan Moen,

WHEREAS the *Rental Housing Standard of Maintenance Bylaw* was enacted by the City of Victoria to take effect in January 2021;

And WHEREAS the City's bylaw enforcement department does not offer inspection nor enforcement services to tenants who are living in homes where bylaws are breached;

And WHEREAS tenants who wish to have this bylaw enforced are required to collect their own evidence and initiate a hearing by applying and paying a fee to the Residential Tenancy Branch;

And WHEREAS City of Victoria bylaws are the City's bylaw enforcement department which traditionally provides inspection and enforcement;

And WHEREAS homeowners with complaints about bylaw breaches are able to initiate inspections and enforcement services;

And WHEREAS disproportionate numbers of populations protected by the BC Human Rights legislation are tenants;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Victoria Renters' Advisory Committee agrees that the lack of bylaw enforcement services available to tenants that are otherwise available to homeowners is a human rights violation.

RAC requests Council to address the *Rental Property Standards of Maintenance Bylaw* capacities in order to access municipal enforcement of the bylaw.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion:

It was moved by Leslie Robinson, seconded by Carrie Chapple, that the Renters' Advisory Committee ask that this motion be brought forward by a Council Liaison to Council as soon as possible.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion:

It was moved by Trevor Premack, seconded by Carrie Chapple that the Renters' Advisory Committee Work Plan for 2022 be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

April 19, 2022

No Motions.