

# APPLICATIONS OPEN!

## for Vancouver's Advisory Committees



Are you passionate about civic engagement, addressing local issues, and supporting your community?

Are you committed to supporting Indigenous Reconciliation, anti-racism and equity for all Vancouver residents?

Can you work in a team environment, convey community input to Vancouver City Council and staff, and communicate across different perspectives and cultures?

If you have some of these passions and abilities, this is the volunteer opportunity for you!

If you live or work in Vancouver, or have significant life and community experience in Vancouver, we invite you to apply for a position on the following advisory committees:

- 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee
- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- Children, Youth, and Families Advisory Committee
- Chinatown Historic Area Planning Committee
- First Shaughnessy Advisory Design Panel
- Gastown Historic Area Planning Committee
- Older Persons and Elders Advisory Committee
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
- Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee
- Renters Advisory Committee
- Street Naming Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Food Policy Council
- Women's Advisory Committee

### What do advisory committees do?

Advisory committees convey community perspectives to City Council and staff while advising on City priorities, projects and initiatives. They are essential to the City's public engagement efforts, and are often asked for early and ongoing feedback on specific projects relevant to their mandates.

Most advisory committees meet once a month at City Hall to discuss issues, receive information and presentations and give advice and recommendations. Virtual/online attendance options are also available. Meetings may be attended by Councillors, staff, or representatives of organizations like the Park Board or the Vancouver Public Library. Meals are provided at meetings held over lunch or dinner hours, and members of certain committees are eligible to receive reimbursement for dependent care, parking and travel expenses when attending meetings.

Successful applicants will receive orientation and training from City staff. Some basic expectations are that members will:

- Treat all committee members and other participants with dignity and respect;
- Understand that advisory committees have no formal decision-making authority; and
- Only take on what they are able, recognizing that volunteer members are not expected to do the work of staff.

Detailed descriptions of committee terms of reference, eligibility requirements and time commitments, as well as online applications and additional instructions are linked at: [vancouver.ca/volunteer](https://vancouver.ca/volunteer).

### APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN NOW!

**Submit yours at [vancouver.ca/volunteer](https://vancouver.ca/volunteer) by Sunday, March 19, 2023 at 11:59 pm**

The final selection of committee members will be made by City Council. We encourage applicants of all ages, abilities, genders/gender identities, racialized identities, ethnicities, ancestries, sexual orientations, income levels, residential status and other lived experiences to volunteer to help shape City policy, services and programs to better serve everyone in the community. We thank everyone for their interest.

### For More Information

Visit: [vancouver.ca/volunteer](https://vancouver.ca/volunteer)

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