

# APPLICATIONS OPEN!

## FOR VANCOUVER'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES



Are you passionate about and willing to be a voice that values:

- civic participation and representation
- lived experience and open-mindedness?

Do you have the ability to:

- work in a team environment;
- provide strategic policy advice and transmit community input to Vancouver City Council and staff; and
- communicate effectively across different perspectives and cultures?

Are you committed to supporting:

- **equity** for all residents of Vancouver;
- **Indigenous Reconciliation** and decolonization; and
- **anti-racism** efforts across Vancouver?

If you have some of these passions and abilities, and are willing to support all of these things, **then this is the volunteer opportunity for you!** If you are a resident, work, or have significant life experience in Vancouver, we invite you to apply for a position on the following advisory committees:

- Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
- Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee
- Civic Asset Naming Committee
- 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee
- Persons with Disabilities Advisory Committee
- Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee
- Renters Advisory Committee
- Seniors' Advisory Committee
- Transportation Advisory Committee
- Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee
- Vancouver Food Policy Council
- Women's Advisory Committee

### A Snapshot of Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities

Being a member on an advisory committee is an unpaid, volunteer position where you will work as a team to consider matters referred to you by City Council and staff, and to bring up issues identified in your groups. Successful applicants will be provided with more than four hours of training/orientation. Some basic expectations are that you will:

- conduct yourself respectfully and professionally with Council, staff, and fellow members when providing policy advice, and recognize this is a role without formal decision making authority;
- as a group, work towards self-sufficiency through working sessions and informal meetings, but also request support and accommodation<sup>1</sup> where needed; and
- only take on what you voluntarily want to take on (and can reasonably handle), referring any additional activities, duties, or other work back to staff.

Detailed descriptions of the terms of reference, eligibility requirements, and time commitment, as well as the online application and instructions are available at: [vancouver.ca/volunteer](http://vancouver.ca/volunteer)

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### Applications Open Now:

**Submit by March 31, 2021 by 11:59 pm**

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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 public policy, services, and programs to better serve everyone in our community. We thank everyone for their interest. The final selection of committee members will be made by City Council.

### For more information:

visit [vancouver.ca/volunteer](http://vancouver.ca/volunteer)

email: [civicagenciesinfo@vancouver.ca](mailto:civicagenciesinfo@vancouver.ca)

phone 3-1-1

<sup>1</sup> Out-of-pocket expenses may be covered for childcare, parking, and travel when the City returns to in-person meetings. Other expenses and accommodation costs may be considered.