



John Tory  
Mayor

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To: Executive Committee

From: Mayor John Tory

Re: Creation of a Standing Committee on Housing

I am writing to recommend that City Council make adjustments to the mandates and composition of the standing committees for the next term of Council starting December 1, 2018.

The business of the City is currently divided across seven policy standing committees and the Executive Committee. These committees meet on a monthly basis.

Under our Council Procedures, each Member of Council is required to serve on one of these seven committees or as one of the four at-large members of the Executive Committee.

This report recommends changing the number of standing committees to eight which will require some members in the next term of council to sit on two standing committees, and will see the Executive Committee's composition increased by one.

Housing and accommodation is a key priority to the success of our City as a whole in a time where the ability for Toronto residents to affordably live and work in our city is increasingly threatened. This committee will serve to coordinate housing and shelter services under one committee and will reflect the priorities of this Council in its governance structure.

If adopted, my recommendations would accomplish the following:

- Converting the Affordable Housing Committee from a special committee to a standing committee responsible for all housing, shelter and accommodation matters including those currently considered by the Community Development and Recreation Committee and the Tenant Issues Advisory Committee.

- Amending the mandate of the Community Development and Recreation Committee as follows:
  - Transfer of shelter, accommodation and housing matters to the proposed Housing Committee.

The revised committee mandates as contained in the Council Procedures are attached as appendix 1.

**Rationale:**

1. Converting the Affordable Housing Committee from a special committee to a standing committee.

Housing is a priority for the City of Toronto. The importance of this issue cannot be understated as affordability is threatened for residents of Toronto. Therefore a standing Housing committee will give this issue the attention and cross-divisional planning it requires.

**Recommendations:**

The Mayor recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Standing Committee Mandates contained in the Council Procedures by:

- a. establishing a Housing Committee as a standing committee with the following mandate:

"The Housing Committee's primary focus is the housing and accommodation of Torontonians, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendation on housing and shelter in the City."

- b. deleting the Affordable Housing Committee as a special committee of Council.
- c. increase the membership of the Executive Committee to accommodate the chair of the Housing Committee.

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## Appendix 1 - Summary of Current and Proposed Mandates

### 1. Current Mandates

Economic Development Committee	The Economic Development Committee's primary focus is <b>the economy</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations to strengthen Toronto's economy and investment climate.
Community Development and Recreation Committee	The Community Development and Recreation Committee's primary focus is social cohesion, with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations to strengthen services to communities and neighbourhoods.
Public Works and Infrastructure Committee	The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee's primary focus is on <b>infrastructure</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations on Toronto's infrastructure needs and services.
Planning and Growth Management Committee.	The Planning and Growth Management Committee's primary focus is on <b>urban form</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations on planning, growth, and development of the City.
Licensing and Standards Committee	The Licensing and Standards Committee's primary focus is <b>consumer safety and protection</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations on the licensing of business and enforcement of property standards.
Parks and Environment Committee	The Parks and Environment Committee's primary focus is the <b>natural environment</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations on the sustainable use of Toronto's natural environment.
Government Management Committee	The Government Management Committee's primary focus is <b>City government assets and resources</b> , with a mandate to monitor, and make recommendations on the administrative operations of the City.

### 2. Proposed Mandates

Housing Committee	The Housing Committee's primary focus is housing, with a mandate to monitor and make recommendations on housing, shelter and accommodation in the City.
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