

The City of Toronto's Housing Rights Advisory Committee

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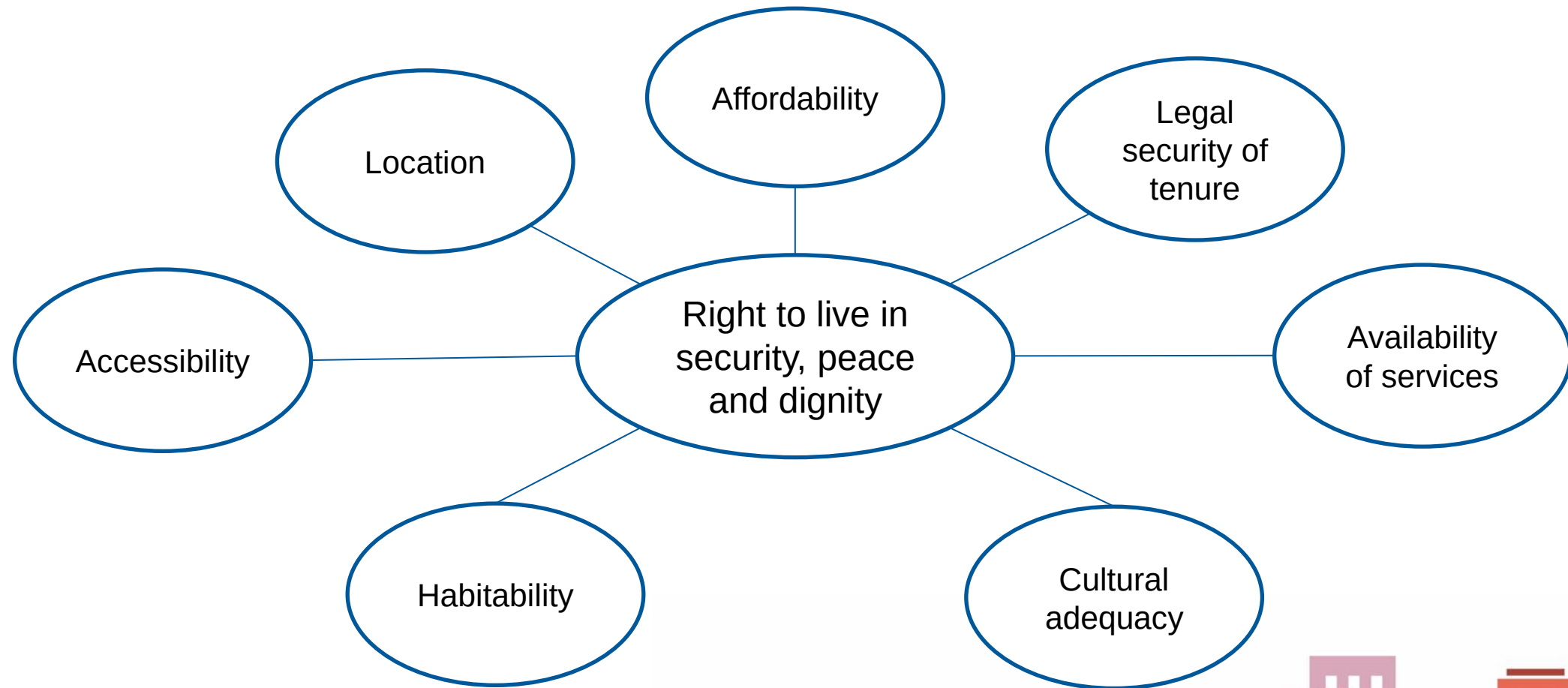
Advancing the Right to Adequate Housing

The establishment of the HRAC supports the City's commitment to:

- Recognizing housing as essential to the inherent dignity and well-being of the person
- Furthering the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing, affirmed in
 - International law
 - The National Housing Strategy Act S.C. 2019, c. 29 s. 313
 - The Toronto Housing Charter adopted by City Council in 2019
- Building sustainable and inclusive communities
- Working with those with living/lived experience of housing precarity, homelessness and discrimination; housing advocates; academics; service providers; and those with expertise in housing rights



What does the Right to Adequate Housing Mean?



What role will the HRAC play?

- Provide direct advice to City Council on advancing the progressive realization of the right to adequate housing
- Inform policies, programs and actions
- Give voice to the interests and needs of those with living/lived experience of housing precarity, discrimination and homelessness and ensure this is reflected in City programs and service delivery
- Support engagement with Indigenous, Black and other equity-deserving communities using an intersectional equity approach
- Identify systemic barriers to accessing and maintaining adequate housing and to recommend actions to remove them
- Support advocacy and communications with other orders of government
- Independently monitor progress on the HousingTO 2020-2030 Action Plan



Membership Skills and Qualification

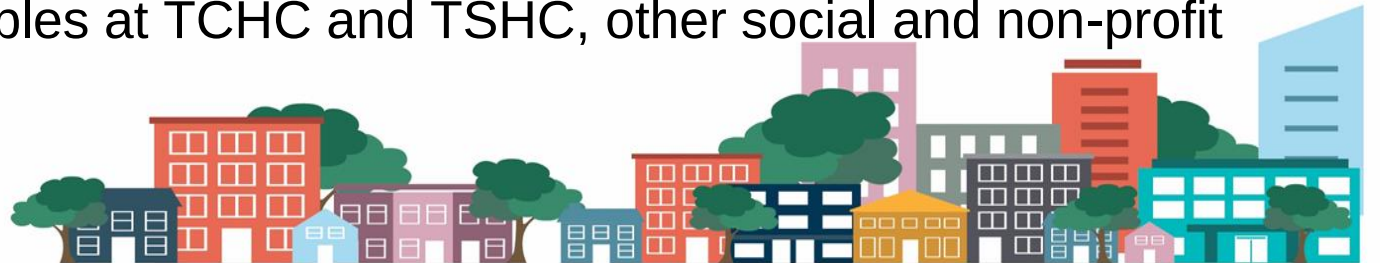
- Diversity of experience and representation outlined in the Terms of Reference
 - Lived experience of homelessness, housing precarity, discrimination
 - Organizational representation
 - Intersectional identities
- Expertise in advocating to and working with others orders of government
- Expertise and experience related to housing, health, social services, human rights, international law
- Experience in communications, advocacy, systems thinking



Membership Considerations

Intersections with existing tables, entities, and networks involved in housing in the city, such as:

- Indigenous Housing partners
 - Aboriginal Labour Force Development Circle (ALFDC)
 - Toronto Indigenous Community Advisory Board (TICAB)
 - Miziwe Biik Development Corporation (MBDC)
- Tables advising the Housing Secretariat
 - Tenant Advisory Committee
 - Housing Pathways for Women and Gender Diverse People's Working Group
 - Academic Partnerships Table
 - Accessible Housing Working Group
- Housing and homelessness networks, including Toronto Alliance to End Homelessness
- Tenant Advisory Committees and Tables at TCHC and TSHC, other social and non-profit housing providers





THANK YOU