

HRAC Working Group 4 – Meeting 1 – October 23, 2024

Working Group Guidelines Document (20 minutes)

Chair Selection (10 minutes)

Human Rights-Based Analysis Tool (20 minutes)

Working Group Agenda & Priorities (45+ minutes)

Present

Elizabeth McIsaac

Nicole Alexander

Joy Connelly

Ann-Marie Moulton

Bahar Shadpour

Saroja Ponnambalam

Regrets

Housing Secretariat Support

Asha Sivarajah

Notes

1. Working Group Guidelines Document

- No questions.

2. Chair Selection

- Discussion of Chair responsibilities and priorities.
- Bahar was nominated as Chair and accepted.

3. Human Rights-Based Analysis Tool

- Working Group members discussed the educational human rights-based analysis tool developed by Maytree to support their capacity to analyze items considered by HRAC through a human rights-based approach.

4. Working Group Agenda & Priorities

- Discussion of the purpose of working group to interrogate City initiatives related to supply from a human rights based-lens
- Focus Areas
 - Supportive Housing
 - Primary focus and importance of wrap around supports for rightsholders exiting homelessness
 - City's evaluation of supportive housing program, measuring the progress
 - Expanding supportive housing development to scale
 - Multi-Tenant Housing Repair Program
 - Preservation of deeply affordable supply and the importance of interlinking affordable housing supply and protecting tenant rights
 - Ensuring long-term affordability
 - Denial of Housing
 - Importance of centering people with lived experience
 - Modular Housing
 - What it looks like from an accessibility standpoint

- Open Doors
 - Interested in a program update from City staff
 - Concerned over the presence of private developer and private landlords
- Pathways to Home-Ownership
 - Land-use planning
- Discussion over ensuring that 'maximum available resources' are used and that the City is leveraging multiple funding sources for new affordable housing projects
- Discussion over inviting other Council Advisory Bodies, including the Confronting Anti-Black Racism Advisory Committee (CABR) on its housing strategy

Next Steps:

- Working group Chair will build a workplan for this working group

Working group ended at 2:28 pm.