



FEDERATION OF
METRO TENANTS'
ASSOCIATIONS

RE: HS11.3 - Housing Rights Advisory Committee - First Term Review and Key Priorities Going Forward

The Federation of Metro Tenants's Associations (FMTA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting and educating tenants across the City of Toronto, advocating for tenant rights, and organizing with members of the community since 1974.

The FMTA commends the Committee for the progress documented in the First Term Review, particularly its efforts to amplify the lived experiences of tenants, its initial work on eviction prevention strategies, and its contributions to the City's recent tenant-landlord consultation processes. The creation of this advisory body was a vital step in affirming housing as a human right in our City, and we deeply appreciate the dedication of its members.

We implore City Council members to re-strike this Committee moving forward as a crucial mechanism to continue developing solutions to the ongoing housing crisis. This is especially critical given deepening unaffordability, mounting pressure from Doug Ford's Provincial Government on poor and working people, and the financial constraints imposed on the City of Toronto by the same Province of Ontario. Given the continued financialization of housing in Canada, increasingly proposed solutions to the housing crisis by self appointed pundits and some politicians alike have become more market focused and detached from our lived experience. This leaves behind the people that are most affected by housing precarity. Thus, the Committee provides a forum for both the expertise and lived experience crucial to developing important feedback for housing-focused municipal initiatives, that are participatory, efficient, cost-effective, and reflect our communities.

If the Committee is struck once again, we also implore the members of the Committee to additionally further consider and prioritize the intersectionality of the housing crisis, as marginalized communities are at greater risk of housing instability and insecurity. These intersections include, but are not limited to:

- Black, Indigenous, People of Colour
- 2SLGBTQ+
- Disabled People and [Just Care](#)
- Seniors

For these reasons, the FMTA urges Toronto City Council not only to re-strike the Housing Rights Advisory Committee, but also to sharpen its priorities and provide the tools needed to hold the City accountable to its housing rights commitments.

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