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From: jay fodor [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 9, 2025 11:59 AM
To: Council
Subject: (External Email) Council Meeting Public Input

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Good morning,

I am emailing today to give input which is relevant to the Agenda F3 point of housing as a human right.

As a resident of Saanich, I strongly support this motion, and want to highlight the urgency to support housing as a human right. Housing which is dignified is the most basic human necessity. I urge you all to consider how much time, resources and energy have to be put into survival, and finding housing when people are unhoused or without adequate housing. Our representatives need to take this on as a higher priority than it has been. Your constituents all deserve to have this met, and will be more able to contribute to the community if this need is met first. Our housing must be affordable, accessible and dignified. Current so-called "solutions" are not meeting these basic requirements.

Thank you, and please, move this motion forward.

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From: Emma Owens [REDACTED] >
Sent: Friday, June 6, 2025 9:00 AM
To: Mayor Dean Murdock; Susan Brice; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Zac De Vries; Karen Harper; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Colin Plant; Nathalie Chambers; Mena Westhaver
Subject: (External Email) Letter of Support - Housing is a Human Right
Attachments: TRAC Letter to City Council - Housing is a Human Right.pdf

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Dear Mayor and Council of Saanich,

In regard to the upcoming council meeting on June 9th, please see the attached letter of support for the motion recognizing housing as a human right.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre
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June 6th, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing today on behalf of the Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre (TRAC) in support of a motion coming before City Council in early June. This motion presents an opportunity for your Council to call on the Government of BC to recognize housing as a human right.

As a tenant organization, we speak to tenants across the province every day who are experiencing tremendous fear and distress relating to housing. People are at risk of losing their homes, are living in precarious and harmful conditions, and cannot afford rental costs. 1 in 3 BC tenants spend more than 30% of their income on rent and other related costs, one of the CMHC's determinants of inadequate housing. Eviction is the top issue that BC tenants report to us, reflecting widespread housing instability and insufficient housing policy.

From skyrocketing rents to expanding encampments, BC's failure to provide adequate, safe, and affordable housing has become one of the province's most pressing human rights issues. While the federal government enshrined the right to housing in 2019, BC has yet to follow suit – despite mounting evidence that recognition of housing as a human right leads to more effective, equitable housing policy.

Acknowledging housing as a human right at the federal level in Canada contributed to the creation of housing funds and the Federal Housing Advocate; however, the Advocate has said that this needs to be replicated at the provincial and municipal levels to break down barriers between jurisdictions and create a commitment that motivates whole-government action.

Recognizing housing as a human right lays the groundwork for rights-based housing legislation. Within a rights-based legislative framework, the provincial government must fulfill their obligations to meet our communities' housing needs. Passing this motion to further the conversation of housing as a human right in BC is a chance for City Council to convey the urgency of the housing crisis to your provincial counterparts.

Your Council will not carry this work alone. City Councils across the province are bringing forward concurrent motions between June 4 and 10th, with Langford City Council leading the way by unanimously passing this motion on May 20th, followed by Vancouver City Council on June 4th.

We urge you to support this motion and stand on the side of a rights-based framework for housing in BC. Now is the time to use all tools available to you in your position to address the housing crisis in our province.

Sincerely,
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Tenant Advocate, Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre

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From: Clara Prager <clara@womentransformingcities.org>
Sent: Thursday, June 5, 2025 3:16 PM
To: Mayor Dean Murdock; Susan Brice; Councillor Judy Brownoff; Zac De Vries; Karen Harper; Teale Phelps Bondaroff; Colin Plant; Nathalie Chambers; Mena Westhaver
Subject: (External Email) Let's Tell the Province Housing is a Human Right
Attachments: WTC Letter Housing is a Human Right.pdf

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Hello District of Saanich Mayor and Council,

Please see the attached letter from Women Transforming Cities (WTC) in support of the motion before council on June 9th, advocating for the province to recognize housing as a human right.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Clara

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June 5, 2025

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing on behalf of Women Transforming Cities (WTC), a grassroots non-profit dedicated to creating communities where everyone can belong participate and thrive, in support of the motion calling on the Province of BC to recognize housing as a human right.

As local leaders, I know you hear about the lack of affordable housing from your constituents on a daily basis. From skyrocketing rents to expanding encampments, to families unable to afford mortgage payments, the failure to provide adequate, safe, and dignified housing has become an existential crisis for all levels of government.

In 2019, the federal government enshrined housing as a human right. This contributed to the creation of housing funds and the Federal Housing Advocate; however, the Advocate has said this needs to be replicated at the provincial and municipal levels to break down barriers between jurisdictions to facilitate whole-government action.

Despite mounting evidence that recognizing housing as a human right leads to more effective policy, British Columbia has yet to follow suit.

Recognizing housing as a human right lays the groundwork for rights-based housing legislation. Within a rights-based legislative framework, the provincial government must fulfill their obligations to meet our communities' housing needs, including providing much-needed funding to local communities to build quality homes.

Passing this motion is a chance for you to convey the urgency of the housing crisis to your provincial counterparts and the residents who elected you. Your council will not carry this work alone. City Councils across the province are bringing forward concurrent motions between June 4 and 10th, with Langford City Council and Vancouver City Council already unanimously passing this motion.

Now is the time to use all tools available to you to address the housing crisis in our province.

Sincerely,

Clara Prager
Manager of Civic Engagement and Advocacy
Women Transforming Cities