



## Media Release

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### Applications are now being accepted for 2024 Council Committees

Are you looking for a way to get involved in your community and volunteer with the City of Vernon?

Applications are now being accepted for 2024 Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Tourism Commission and Board of Variance. Established by Council, these committees are comprised of both members of the public and elected officials. The committee's role is to inform and advise Council on issues that relate to its respective mandate.

#### Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

The City is seeking **seven (7)** positions on the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee representing the following sectors:

- **Two (2)** 'Community at Large' representatives
- **Two (2)** 'Builder' representatives
- **Two (2)** 'Not-for-Profit Housing' representatives
- **One (1)** 'Seniors (55+)' representative

The objectives of the [Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#) are to monitor and provide Council with milestone achievements of the implementation of the City's Attainable Housing Strategy and to provide Council with advice on affordable housing matters.

#### Tourism Commission

The City is seeking **eight (8)** positions on the Tourism Commission representing the following sectors:

- **Four (4)** from the Accommodation Provider Sector
- **Two (2)** from the Arts & Culture Sector
- **One (1)** from the Attractions Sector
- **One (1)** from the Golf Sector

The [Tourism Commission](#)'s purpose is to develop Vernon as tourism destination through collaboration between tourism stakeholders, Council and Administration and assist with

increasing Vernon's market share of travelers to and within British Columbia. The Commission also aims to increase tourism-driven economic benefits to Vernon and identify and provide recommendations on programs and services that will enhance the tourism sector in Vernon. The Commission meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m.

### **Board of Variance**

The City is seeking **five (5)** individuals to join the Board of Variance. Consisting of volunteer community members, the [Board of Variance](#) operates independently of City Council and considers minor variances to the Zoning Bylaw on the grounds of hardship.

Terms for these positions are for three years (expiring January 2027). Board members should be prepared to attend meetings open to the public on a monthly basis; however, meetings will only be held as required, depending on applications.

Additional information related to the function of a Board of Variance in British Columbia is available on the Province of B.C. [website](#).

The City of Vernon encourages you to apply if you feel like you have the experience and passion to contribute to one of these committees. The application deadline is 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

To learn more about the committees, available positions and to read the applicable Terms of Reference, please visit the City of Vernon website at [www.vernon.ca/councilcommittees](http://www.vernon.ca/councilcommittees)

\*Please note individual applicants **MUST reside within Vernon City Limits** unless otherwise specified by the Committees Terms of Reference or the applicable Bylaw (specific to the Board or Commission).