

# **Tenant Advisory Committee**

## **Tenant FAQs**

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Toronto Community Housing (TCHC) is recruiting tenants to join the Tenant Advisory Committee. This resource addresses some commonly asked questions about this committee.

### **What is the Tenant Advisory Committee (TAC)?**

The TAC is a city-wide committee of tenants, providing advice to TCHC on how to improve tenant engagement. Tenants give their input on corporate policies intended for tenants. The TAC makes sure tenants have a say in decisions that affect their communities.

### **Who can join?**

You must be a TCHC tenant in good standing, and you must be at least 18 years old.

### **How will you make sure all communities are represented?**

We're looking for tenants from different community backgrounds and from regions across the city. Six tenants will be selected from each region (East, Central, West), for a total of 18 members.

### **What do TAC members do?**

TAC members will:

- Give advice on tenant engagement programs, like tenant councils, elections, and community funding.
- Share tenant priorities with TCHC leadership.
- Work together to make recommendations that help improve how TCHC connects with and supports tenants.

### **What are the benefits of participating?**

By joining the TAC, you can:

- Influence decisions that impact all TCHC communities.
- Gain experience in leadership, governance, and policy advising.
- Network with other tenant leaders and staff across the city.
- Build your confidence and skills in communication and collaboration.
- Receive an honorarium and support for your contributions.

**How often does the TAC meet?**

The TAC meets once a month. There is a break in the summer. Additional meetings may happen as needed.

**Are meetings in-person or online?**

Meetings are held in-person. We prefer that committee members attend the in-person meeting. However, there is a hybrid option to make sure everyone can participate.

**What's the time commitment?**

You must commit to attending at least seven out of ten meetings per year. Meetings are usually two to three hours long. Members are expected to should set aside some extra time to read materials before each meeting.

**Is there an honorarium?**

Yes. Members receive \$40 for each meeting they attend. TTC fare is also available for in-person meetings upon request.

**Will this affect my rent or taxes?**

TCHC works to make sure that we stay below the \$499 threshold in a calendar year. That means you will not receive a T4 slip from TCHC. It is important to keep the honorarium below \$499 as higher amounts may affect your Rent-Geared-to-Income (RGI) subsidy amount, depending on your total income. We encourage you to speak with your Tenant Services Coordinator or tax advisor if you're not sure.

**How long is the term?**

Members serve a two-year term. If a vacancy comes up, it may be filled using a previous applicant list if it's less than six months old.

**What support is available?**

TCHC staff will support the committee with meeting planning, materials, and coordination. A collaborative and respectful environment is a top priority.

**How can I apply?**

You can apply by filling out the [online application form](#) or by contacting staff directly. Interviews will be held virtually or in person. Staff will help make sure you're ready and supported throughout the process.

### **Where can I read more details?**

You can review the full [TAC Terms of Reference \(PDF\)](#) for more detailed information.



### **Questions?**

If you have additional questions, please contact [tenantengagement@torontohousing.ca](mailto:tenantengagement@torontohousing.ca) or your **local Community Services Coordinator, Engagement**.