

Community Advisory Council – Call for Applications

YWCA Metro Vancouver is looking for 12-15 people to join our YWCA City Shift Community Advisory Council (the “Community Council”).

YWCA City Shift is a 2.5-year project, funded by the Government of Canada through the Department of Women and Gender Equality, that aims to make our cities more equitable, prosperous and just by supporting Metro Vancouver municipalities to adopt and implement a gender and diversity sensitive lens across policy, funding and service decisions. Learn more by visiting <https://ywcavan.org/city-shift>.

The Community Council will be made up of individuals living in Metro Vancouver who want to get involved in the democratic process at the local government level. Council members must also be committed to advancing gender equity through an intersectional perspective in their local communities.

As a Council member you will:

- Be supported to develop or deepen your community advocacy skills
- Participate in joint workshops and skills sharing sessions with our parallel City Shift Advisory Council
- Provide advice and guidance on the City Shift project’s strategy
- Receive an honorarium for your participation at Community Council meetings and workshops of \$50 per hour

Council members should be interested in:

- Making your city more equitable for women and gender diverse people
- Understanding more about how local governments work
- Speaking in front of your local city council about the importance of gender equity
- Helping the YWCA advocate for more just and equitable policies at the local government level

We envision the Community Council to be comprised of a diverse group of people from across the Metro Vancouver region. Prior experience as a community advocate is not necessary, but you should be interested in making your city a more just and equitable place. With other Council members, you will co-create your mandate and group operating principles.

The Community Council will meet approximately six to ten times throughout the course of the project, from June 2022 until March 2024. Meetings and workshops will be in person or via Zoom (with hybrid meeting capacity). Please note, we foresee the primary commitment for Council members occurring between June 2022 until June 2023.

We strongly encourage applications from all equity seeking groups, including women in all their diversity, Black, Indigenous and People of Colour, LGBTQ2S+ community members and people with disabilities.

If you are interested in being a part of City Shift, please send along an expression of interest (500 words max please) and a short "about you" statement (250 words max please) to Shauna Shortt (She/Her), Project Lead, YWCA City Shift at sshortt@ywcavan.org by **Friday, May 20, 2022**. Video or recorded expressions of interest are also welcomed. Please let us know if you require any accommodations in your expression of interest.

Please note, all YWCA staff and volunteers must be fully COVID-19 vaccinated¹ (as per the BC Government definition of fully vaccinated). We will ask you to provide proof of vaccination if you are offered a position on the Community Advisory Council.

YWCA Metro Vancouver operates on the ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sk̓wx̓wú7mesh (Squamish) and sə́ilwətaʔt̓/Selilwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations. We also acknowledge the unceded territories of Semiahmoo and the Stó:lō peoples, including the Qayqayt, Kwantlen, Katzie and Kwikwetlem Nations, as well as the treaty lands of the Tsawwassen Nation.

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¹ Requests for accommodation for those who are unable to be vaccinated due to a medical reason, or for another protected ground under the BC Human Rights Code, will be reasonably accommodated, up to the point of undue hardship, in accordance with the Code. Exemption requests must be submitted to the YWCA and supported by valid, legal documentation. Requests will be assessed on a case by case basis.