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WTC asks civic candidates "to pledge" on six policy issues



Women Transforming Cities has released its Our City Hall Campaign Report that asks mayoralty and council candidates to pledge on six policy issues.

Expanded access to non-market housing, food security and public washrooms are among the "policy asks" in the Women Transforming Cities (WTC) recently released Our City Hall Campaign Report: Engagement Summary and Policy Asks.

Three additional requests include improvements to transportation, community spaces and gender safety.

The report forms the basis of the Our City Hall Pledge, where the WTC asks mayoralty and council candidates to commit to the policies if elected. Their responses are made public before the election.

The information is the result of the seven months of WTC community engagement that included 2,420 conversations at 22 community events, 643 survey responses, 532 participants at 30 community workshops and the involvement of 86 partner organizations.

As part of this election's Our City Hall Pledge, candidates are also being asked if they "acknowledge that part of committing to these policy asks includes ensuring each policy area you commit to receives sufficient funding in operating and capital budgets, including modest increases to the annual property tax rate if needed?"

Once elected, the document is used to hold mayor and council accountable to their Pledge commitments and track their progress.

In the run up to the 2022 civic election, WTC had eight policy asks. Five of those requests, that all candidates endorsed at that time, are carried over in this year's campaign, such as

housing access and public washrooms, signalling that WTC feels not enough progress has been made. Though their mid-term report card indicated they felt some progress in two other of their requests, to "Fully fund climate emergency responses" and "Protecting Tenants from Heatwaves", these initiatives are not being requested again at this time.

Their request for an IWG2S+ People's Healing Lodge is currently "an active, ongoing civic policy and advocacy initiative" but is still not a reality.

Women Transforming Cities is a registered charity that works with equity-deserving genders, including women, girls, trans, genderqueer, non-binary, Two-Spirit, LGBTQIA++ and allies alongside partner organizations as part of a movement supporting local advocacy. They are "committed to continuing to learn and evolve our understanding, language, and actions around gender inclusion."

Founded in 2011 by former Vancouver City Councillor Ellen Woodsworth, WTC aims are "to radically shift social, economic, and political power to equity-deserving groups to reshape who cities are built by and for so that communities' needs are met, and everyone can belong participate, and thrive."

For more information about WTC go to <https://www.womentransformingcities.org>

To read the Our City Hall Campaign Report: Engagement Summary and Policy Asks visit [womentransformingcities.org/ourcityhall](https://www.womentransformingcities.org/ourcityhall)

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