

**RICHMOND POVERTY REDUCTION COALITION (RPRC)
2023-2024 PRIORITIES**

PILLAR # 1 HOUSING			
Work Area/ Need	Actions	History	Future
Need more non-market rental housing	2023-24 Support non-market proposals/ developments	City Affordable Housing Strategy mandates 10% to 15% LEMR units	Ongoing - RPRC Housing cttee
Temporary Modular Housing (TMH) lease agreements expiring	2023-24 Advocate to City to extend TMH leases	2 TMH (80 units) One lease expiring in 2024	Project - Investigate existing Tenant Councils and models?
Need Low End Market Rental (LEMUR) Registry and wait-list	2023-24 Advocate to City - LEMUR transparency/ registry/ waitlist	LEMUR difficult to access/ no central list/ no waitlists	Awaiting staff report
Rent supplements for individuals not on Income Assistance (IA), Persons With Disabilities (PWD)	BC gov't expand Rental Assistance Program (RAP) to individuals	RAP is only for families in market rentals	
Public education on housing needs	Host a Public Affordable Housing Forum	RPRC Aug 2022 hosted Zoom Non-Market Housing Solutions Forum with expert panel	Project- Plan RPRC Housing Forum for Fall 2024?
PILLAR # 2 FOOD SECURITY			
Work Area/ Need	Actions	History	Future
Richmond Food Aid Delivery (FAD) program	Support FAD program to find a permanent home and sustainability	FAD established 2009 with faith and Non-Profit organizations (NPO), it is volunteer run July 2023 FAD Strategy session	2023 Kwantlen Polytech University (KPU) research - to make recommendations for an FAD business plan
Community kitchen programs	Add commercial kitchens to City bylaw on community amenities	City bylaw for developers to provide LEMUR, Childcare	City Poverty Action Cttee
'Food Hub' one-stop-shop	Advocate to City for a 'Food Hub' re: kitchen/ healthy eating/ jobs	Advocacy for Food Hub on Garden City Lands 2009-present	Ongoing
Call for universal school meal programs	Advocate to BC, Federal government for ongoing funding	BC gov't funding 2023-24	Watch for National Food Policy
PILLAR # 3 TRANSPORTATION			
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Support transit 'All on Board' Campaign	Expand free transit for all on low-incomes	BC government provides free transit for 12 and under	Ongoing
Make Richmond a Vision Zero city	2023-24 Vision Zero (VZ) phase II project- public education module	VZ I completed / report to City March 2023/ RPRC on City Transportation advisory cttee	VZ II ongoing
Support Handy DART improvements	Bring Handy DART back in-house as per Disability Association of BC (DABC) recommendations	Handy DART contracts to taxi companies	Project-standardized access, extra costs, etc?
PILLAR # 4 TRAINING/ EMPLOYMENT			
Work Area/ Need	Actions	History	Future
Support skills development for low-income residents	2023-24 Richmond Advocacy & Support Committee (RASC) projects support self-advocacy/ leadership	RASC network 2017-present	Ongoing
Need life-skills training for youth	Invite YWCA/ YMCA to RPRC	Dearth of info on youth services	Project- Create inventory of youth services in Richmond ?
PILLAR # 5 INCOME SECURITY			
Work Area/ Need	Actions	History	Future
No claw-back for seniors and PWD	Advocate for no claw-back on seniors and PWD supplements	RPRC advocacy to BC government- no change	Ongoing
Living Wage for City contract workers	RPRC reports - advocacy for Living Wage to City - 2019-2023	2 City staff reports - no change	Ongoing
Minimum wage in line with Cost of Living (COL)	Index minimum wage to COL	BC government increases Minimum wage yearly	Ongoing
Reduce gaps between real costs and government supplements	Increase IA/ PWD/ Seniors supplements	BC government income supplement increases in 2022	Ongoing
Un-silo ministries serving vulnerable multi-barriered people	Investigate barriers in serving people with multiple-needs	RPRC 2021 Antiracism data collection mini-project	Watch for Antiracism legislation slated for 2024
Fairness in federal disability benefits	Ensure criteria for eligibility is fair	Disability Benefit Act 2023	Watch for implementation of DB Act

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PILLAR # 6 HEALTH			
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Lack of primary care for chronic conditions	Raise awareness of Richmond Urgent Care Centres (UCC)	BC government established UCC in Richmond	More UCC in Richmond
Continuum of care- hospital -> shelter	Refer patient/ client advocates to hospital discharge protocol	Hospital discharge protocols are in place	Project - patient rights & voice?
Language barriers in accessing health care	Raise awareness 811/ translation services in hospitals/ clinics	811 Health Link (130 languages)	
PILLAR # 7 COMMUNITY SAFETY			
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Community safety re: culture, identity	RPRC recommendations to City on Social Development Strategy	Raise awareness of Richmond Community Protocol (RCP)	All RPRC organizations adopt the Protocol
Seniors Advocate recommendations	Public education on seniors' homelessness	Rising # seniors in Richmond Homeless Count	Project - trends & reasons?
PILLAR # 8 CHILDCARE			
Work Area/ Need	Actions	History	Future
Expand \$10/day Childcare programs in Richmond	Support campaign - more spaces, more training, better pay	4 Richmond centres \$10 a day	All Richmond childcare centres are \$10/day