



Updates, events, and recommended reading from Women Transforming Cities.



Last month, we welcomed over 40 new members to WTC!

We're thankful to everyone who helped us spread the word about the benefits of joining WTC as a member. We read all of your posts and loved hearing your stories.

The **Women's Memorial March on February 14th** is taking place next Friday and we invite you to participate alongside WTC staff and members. If you'd like to walk with us, [sign up here.](#)

You may have heard Vancouver has a **by-election** coming up. Make sure to [read our latest blog post](#) to find out why this matters, what WTC has planned for the election, and how you can make a difference.

Do you live in Richmond or know people with ties to the community? WTC is convening a group of members and friends who are passionate about civic engagement and equity in the City of Richmond. If you'd like to be part of conversations about local advocacy, council decisions, and civic participation with

an equity lens in Richmond, email clara@womentransformingcities.org for more information.

Monthly Highlights



In January, we:

- Welcomed 40 new members to WTC
- Facilitated a community organizing and campaigning workshop to Union Gospel Mission
- Wrapped up a 4-part workshop cohort with Marpole Neighbourhood House on community organizing
- Deep dived into the 8 policy asks we tracked in the [2-Year Accountability Report](#) for the Hot Pink Paper Campaign on social media
- Organized an in-person work day for team camaraderie
- Left Twitter and are now on [Bluesky](#).

Updates from WTC

The WTC team is growing! If you're a self-starter who loves building relationships and thrives off curating engaging and impactful learning experiences or know someone who is, apply to our Education Coordinator posting.

The Education Coordinator will work closely with the Manager of Education

& Community Engagement to develop and deliver both community-based and fee-for-service workshops, in-person in Vancouver and virtually. **Applications close Friday, February 28th at 11:59 pm.**



[Apply Now](#)

WTC Member Speed-Friending

Due to snowfall, we've rescheduled our member speed-friending event to this **Sunday, February 9th from 10 am to 12 pm.** We will be at Saunter Coffee in Gastown for some coffee, snacks, and chats.

If you can no longer make the new date and time, email

rebecca@womentransformingcities.org so she can refund your ticket as well as contact our waitlist.



Self-Care for Community Organizers

Join us next **Tuesday, February 12th at 12 PM** (on Zoom) to explore strategies that centre your well-being while staying rooted in collective action. Through group discussions, journaling prompts, and guided somatic practices, you'll learn how to maintain

the resilience needed for long-term movement-building.

Tickets are \$10, but free for WTC members so sign up to [become a member](#) today.

Members can access the free code via Slack or in our past Member Dispatch.



SELF-CARE FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS

A WTC LEARNING SERIES

A workshop to explore holistic strategies that centre your well-being while staying rooted in collective action. Practice the resilience needed for sustainable movement-building.

FEB 12TH
12:00-1:00 PM (PT)
ON ZOOM



[Purchase your Ticket](#)

Women's Memorial March

We invite you to participate in the 2025 Women's Memorial March alongside WTC staff and members on **February 14th from 12 PM to 5 PM**. The March, organized primarily by Indigenous women, is an important act of remembrance and solidarity.

If you'd like to walk/roll with us, register below, so we can share more information and coordinate on the day of.



[Walk with Us](#)

Let's Talk About Vancouver By-election

Vancouver will elect two new city councillors on **April 5th**. Our new blog post goes through common by-election questions and what makes this by-election different from the rest.

Not only have two women, opposition party leaders, resigned their seats, but by-elections have historically low turnouts. This means your voting will be important because only a small group of residents determine who gets to be our city councillors.

If you want to get involved in the by-election, we'll be looking for some volunteers to support our HPPC survey we'll be sending to all candidates.

[Learn More](#)



Watch Council Drop-in Sessions

Register for upcoming Watch Council Drop-In Sessions ([Feb 24](#), [Mar 17](#), [Mar 31](#)) to track, and influence local governments' decisions! WTC members can attend a bi-weekly session (on Mondays!) to:

- Understand the role local government can play in issues you care about
- Navigate local government processes, like signing up to speak to council
- Understand a specific agenda item or political decision and what it may mean for your community
- Learn tips on how to write or speak to your councillors

[Register for Sessions](#)



Accelerate Action for International Women's Day

In honour of March 8th, we're diving into the history and significance of International Women's Day. Join us on **Monday, March 10th at 1 PM** (on Zoom) to examine the evolution of feminism, learn ways to address unconscious bias, and explore how to become active allies in advancing gender equity.

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Upcoming Events



Curious about

What governments do?

How to advocate to each government?

How you can be part of the movement for sex workers' rights?



Join our free webinars in February! →

[Online Registration](#)

Sex Work Advocacy Toolkit Webinars

[Living in Community](#) has put together a toolkit outlining recommendations for folks in any sector to be part of the movement for sex workers' rights, and they will be hosting two free webinars on [February 11th](#) and [February 18th](#). Join to learn their recommendations on what governments can do when it comes to supporting sex worker safety and autonomy.

Let's Talk Housing

February 6 | 5:30pm – 8pm

BYRNE CREEK COMMUNITY SCHOOL, 7777 18TH ST, V3N 5E5



Join us for a free event on Housing Displacement and Measures for Conserving Black and other marginalized community Neighborhoods in Edmonds and BC ●●●●

SCREENING SHORT FILMS 'AFRICVILLE' AND 'THE INVISIBLES'
OPEN DISCUSSION & Q&A WITH FILMMAKER NOAH MAKIS
FREE DRINKS & SNACKS PROVIDED ●●●●●●●●

Free Registration at hogansalleysociety.org/events

Let's Talk Housing: An Edmonds Black Community Event

On **February 6th** from **5:30 pm to 8 pm**, join [Alegria Soy](#) in partnership with the [Hogan's Alley Society](#) and [Byrne Creek Community School](#) for an Edmonds community conversation in honour of Black History & Futures Month.

There will be two powerful short film screenings: *Revitalizing Communities: Africville Meets Hogan's Alley*, a conversation between former residents of two displaced Black communities in Canada and *The Invisibles*, a closer look at the struggles of young Black adults navigating life while facing housing insecurity in Toronto.

This Black Community event is free. Registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

Read, Watch, & Learn

- Decolonize your understanding of treaties and check out [the Yellowhead InSTITUTE Treaty Map](#), an accessible introduction to Indigenous perspectives on treaties in Canada.
- Use [this letter writing tool](#) created by Society for Advocacy for Gender Affirming Healthcare (SAGAH) to ask key provincial leaders to fund universal gender-affirming healthcare in BC.
- [Measure a city's walkability](#) for babies, toddlers, their caregivers, and everyone in cities by going to Pedestrians First.
- Consider [filling out this questionnaire](#) if you or your child has experienced exclusion in classrooms and schools in BC's K-12 public education system. The Ombudsperson has begun investigation into the exclusion of students, particularly those with diverse needs.



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