

Richmond Social Development Advisory Committee 2026 Work Program

The proposed 2026 Work Program aligns with the Richmond Social Development Advisory Committee's (RSDAC) mandate to act as a resource and provide advice to City Council regarding priority social issues in the community and the implementation and monitoring of the City's Social Development Strategy 2025–2035.

This Work Program supports City Council's Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Strategic Focus Area #1 Proactive in Stakeholder and Civic Engagement:

1.2 Advocate for the needs of Richmond in collaboration with partners and stakeholders.

This Work Program also supports City Council's Strategic Plan 2022–2026 Strategic Focus Area #6 A Vibrant, Resilient and Active Community:

6.1 Advance a variety of program, services, and community amenities to support diverse needs and interests and activate the community.

RSDAC 2026 Work Program

The RSDAC will give priority to the following initiatives in 2026 as outlined in the table below.

Richmond Social Development Advisory Committee 2026 Work Program	
#1	Act as a resource and provide advice to City Council regarding issues and opportunities related to social development.
RSDAC Actions	• Provide input on Council referrals through the Staff Liaison, as appropriate. • Deliver formal presentations or written submissions to Council on topics related to social development.
Expected Outcome(s)	• Council receives timely, relevant and community-informed advice to guide policy decisions. • Council is equipped to address emerging issues as they arise.
#2	Provide input on the implementation of initiatives to advance actions in the Social Development Strategy 2025–2035.
RSDAC Actions	• Provide input on proposed City strategies, programs, initiatives or policies that advance social development, including those from other City departments that impact the social well-being of the community. • Compile an inventory of existing community programs and services to identify gaps and opportunities. • Participate in discussions on advancing Strategic Direction #1: Improve Access to Basic Needs, including mapping existing resources available through RSDAC members.
Expected Outcome(s)	• City initiatives better reflect the needs and priorities of diverse populations.
#3	Identify emerging issues, trends and best practices related to social development in Richmond.
RSDAC Actions	• Track demographic shifts, economic pressures and public health data to identify new challenges or opportunities. • Discuss any key social issues or concerns impacting Richmond residents. • Track changes in provincial and federal policies, funding programs and sector-wide initiatives that impact Richmond.
Expected Outcome(s)	• The City is alerted early to emerging social issues. • Residents feel their experiences and insights are reflected in City priorities.
#4	Assist in the development of metrics to support the monitoring and evaluation of the Social Development Strategy in order to measure successes and progress related to policy, initiatives, programs and services.
RSDAC Actions	• Collaborate with City staff and key partners to identify meaningful indicators aligned with the Strategy's goals. • Assess current data sets and reporting tools to determine what can be leveraged or improved. • Suggest metrics that reflect lived experiences, equity outcomes and community impact. • Provide feedback on draft evaluation tools before full implementation.
Expected Outcome(s)	• The City adopts indicators that effectively measure progress toward social development goals. • The City uses evaluation results to refine programs and allocate resources more effectively to better meet community needs.

	The public can track how initiatives are performing over time.
#5	Pursue opportunities to collaborate on priority social issues that require cross-sectoral partnerships and joint initiatives.
RSDAC Actions	- Monitor member agencies' needs through discussions at meetings and other mechanisms, such as surveys and interviews. - Participate in committees and/or task groups that align with the RSDAC's mandate. - Map overlapping goals among City departments, nonprofits, health authority, school district, and other key partners. - Promote sharing of data, best practices and lessons learned between sectors to strengthen collective impact.
Expected Outcome(s)	- Members are able to work together and collaborate on joint initiatives that align with the RSDAC's mandate. - Increased coordination between the City and community organizations leads to more effective service delivery. - Programs and services address complex issues more effectively through integrated approaches. - Shared efforts reduce duplication and maximize impact across sectors.
#6	Organize and host presentations from other groups in the community to learn more about social development best practices that can be applied in Richmond.
RSDAC Actions	- Invite guest speakers to present on topics relevant to membership and their clients. - Organizational members and/or groups in Richmond to present on initiatives that address the unique challenges in Richmond.
Expected Outcome(s)	- Members are informed about best practices on social service issues. - Members are able to network with and learn from each other as well as from guest speakers.
#7	Produce work programs, annual reports and other relevant reports for Council endorsement or approval.
RSDAC Actions	Prepare and submit an annual report for 2026 and a proposed work program for 2027.
Expected Outcome(s)	A summary of key activities of the Committee is included in the annual report and a list of key actions that will be undertaken in the upcoming year is included in the proposed work program.