



Hamilton

MINUTES

LGBTQ Advisory Committee

February 20, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Room 222, City Hall

PRESENT: Rob Brown, Kerry Cranston, Chris Erl, Gord Jackson,
Marlon Picken (Chair), Michelle Poirier

ALSO PRESENT: Maxine Carter – Access & Equity Section, City of Hamilton

REGRETS: Renee Wetselaar

1. WELCOME

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Addition under Item 5 – Pride Committee Update

(Gord/Kerry)

That the February 20, 2014 agenda for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee
be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 September 19, 2013

(Michelle/Rob)

That the September 19, 2013 minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory
Committee be approved, as circulated.

CARRIED

4.2 Notes – October 17, 2013

The notes from the October 17, 2013 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory
Committee were received.

4.3 Notes – January 16, 2014

The notes from the January 16, 2014 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory
Committee were received.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Future Discussion re Lack of Diversity on LGBTQ Advisory Committee

Michelle would like to begin a formal discussion about having the Advisory Committee better reflect members of the communities, in particular more marginalized members

Members suggested:

- that the committee be pro-active in seeking new members prior to next municipal elections;
- that committee members reach out to those we feel may help make advisory more reflective of communities

Maxine commented that the LGBTQ Advisory Committee has consistently had low diversity and that it is a good idea to start reaching out now for next committee. There are folks who come to City Hall and inquire about the LGBTQ Advisory Committee. Maxine always encourages them to sit in on a meeting so they can see what the committee does and how they work. There were a few people who have inquired recently and those folks were encouraged to come to March meeting.

Michelle offered to come up with an action/suggestion for outreach.

5.2 Follow up on November 2013 Meeting with Reps from City's Recreation Division re LGBTQ Programming

Rob & Chris updated committee members about the visit by the Recreation Division representative who came to the November 2013 Advisory Committee meeting to discuss using available City recreation space on the mountain for some LGBTQ programming.

Roundtable discussion involved:

- questions about whether the offer was for dedicated LGBTQ programming within the centres, or incorporating LGBTQ community members into already existing programming.
- committee members discussed where offer may have originated. Possibly a result of Councillor Whitehead's offer to use Westmount Rec Centre during the LGBTQ Advisory Committee presentation to Council regarding Public Health training/suicide.
- use of space, even temporarily, would be very helpful while Space Needs Assessment is being completed. Also there has been expressed

need for meeting space by mountain youth during early days of Space Steering Committee.

- Advisory Committee members agreed to invite the Recreation Division representative back in April for follow-up discussion and next steps.

5.3 Volunteer Advisory Committee Evaluation Tool

Committee members in attendance completed the Volunteer Advisory Committee Evaluation Tool form returned them to Maxine.

5.4 Resignation – Dixon

Committee members accepted Dixon's resignation and expressed thanks for his service. It was requested that a card of thanks be sent from the committee.

5.5 Pride Update

Chris advised that the Pride Organizing Committee had been meeting at City Hall and has now moved their meetings to the WELL office. The official Pride dates are June 9-15th, 2014. Chris has stepped down as acting Chair so that formal Chairs can be appointed. New Co-Chairs are Poe (WELL) and Paul (PrimeTimers Hamilton). Chris will still sit on Pride Committee as a community member. The Pride Committee is seeing a steady increase in new members. There has been a move to have sub-committees assigned specific tasks and the subcommittees will report back to main Pride Committee.

Rob advised that Pride posters are being created by Mohawk College students & Mohawk will absorb the printing costs. Grassroots events are to be planned by community members and organizations. No organizations will be listed prominently on Pride posters. There will be no Parade or Saturday picnic planned due to prohibitive costs of police, permits, etc. The Pride Committee will seek donations to cover some costs generated by events; will approach some venues about holding events on site. The Pride Committee has expressed interest in LGBTQ Advisory Committee's banner design; the use of the space the Advisory Committee has reserved for banner; future funding request; request for use of City Hall glass display case for Pride historical display.

Roundtable:

- discussion of Pride plan for Saturday regarding the permit & cost limitations

- Advisory members expressed desire to hold flag raising at City Hall on June 9th. This item will be added to the March 2014 LGBTQ Advisory Committee agenda in March to put forward a motion to hold flag raising and book the forecourt at City Hall,
- Advisory Committee's banner says "Celebrate Pride 365". It's a mesh banner and is intended for use over Main Street. It would be difficult to read at lower level. The Advisory Committee has booked banner space for 2014 & 2015. In 2014 the closest open space to Pride was after June 15th.

At this point of the meeting both Kerry and Chris had to leave. Quorum was lost and the meeting adjourned.

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. INFORMATION SHARING

8. ADJOURNMENT