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LGBTQ Advisory Committee

March 19, 2015 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Room 222, City Hall

PRESENT: Marlon Picken (Chair), Renee Wetselaar, Chris Erl and Rob Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Mercanti and May-Marie Duwai-Sowa – Access & Equity Section, City of Hamilton

REGRETS: Kerry Cranston-Reimer (Vice-Chair), Maxine Carter

GUESTS: Marcus Peterson (community member)

Chairperson: Marlon Picken

1. WELCOME

All were welcomed to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(R. Wetselaar/R. Brown)

That the March 19, 2015 Agenda for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Meeting of February 19, 2015

(C. Erl/R. Brown)

That the Minutes of the March 19 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried.

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5. PRESENTATION

5.1 None

6. BUSINESS

6.1 Reports – None.

6.2 Proposal for Outreach- Tabled

6.3 Space Steering Committee

- R. Wetselaar reported that the selected group of space committee members met on Tuesday, March 16, 2015. In attendance were R. Wetselaar, Deirdre Pike, Jay Adams and Tim McClemont. The meeting was quite productive and a 3 part plan was discussed to address the project and the grant. It was agreed that Jay Adams will present a progress report to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee at the April meeting and following that, the sub-committee will propose that the file be closed.
- Social Planning and Research Council to assist The Well with the process of board renewal and organizational development.
- The next meeting is scheduled for April 17, which will be followed with a report to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee on April 19.
- Tim McClemont will be the point person for the group.

6.4 Equity & Inclusion Policy Implementation

Tabled

6.5 WELL – Needs Assessment

Information discussed in Item 6.3 of Minutes.

6.6 Volunteer Advisory Committees

- Committee discussed the proposed consultation dates from provided by Janet Pilon, Deputy Clerk and agreed to meet on March 26, 2015 at 5:30pm.
- Committee expressed concerns about the context, format and process for the consultation. M. Picken stated that the consultation could potentially be skewed as it does not seem very inclusive of other equity-seeking individuals or

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diverse community members, who could be directly impacted by the recommendations. R. Wetselaar also inquired whether any binding decisions will be made from the consultation.

- C. Mercanti responded that based on her observation at a previous consultation, the format was mostly focused on information gathering, sort of a Q & A rather than a discussion. It is not certain what the next step will entail, as the Deputy Clerk is conducting the consultation. However, C. Mercanti advised Committee to address their questions and concerns to Janet Pilon during the meeting.
- Committee requested that staff inform Councilor Matthew Green and Councilor Aidan Johnson about the meeting, as their presence would be welcomed by Committee.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 2015 Budget Submission Request

- Committee reviewed the 2015 budget submission and approved it as presented.
- R. Wetselaar requested that staff provide committee with the total reserve balance, and suggested that committee at an upcoming meeting, discuss a budget and plan on how to utilize some of the funds to addressing pending committee projects including space needs assessment and PRIDE.
- Committee thanked Access and Equity staff for their continued hard work and support.

(R. Wetselaar/ C. Eri)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approves the 2015 business plan and budget submission in the amount of \$3,890.00, as presented.

Carried

8. INFORMATION SHARING

- R. Wetselaar informed Committee that Deirdre Pike has applied for training to be an adjunct representative at the PRIDE House during the upcoming Para Pan Am Games.
- Councilor Matthew Green attended the meeting briefly to apologize for not being able to stay longer, but expressed his

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commitment to be a Council representative on the committee, along with Councillor Aidan Johnson. Councillor Green assured the committee members that he will be available to attend future meetings.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

(C. Erl/ R. Brown)

That the LGBTQ meeting of March 19, 2015 be adjourned. **Carried.**