



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**  
**LGBTQ Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 17, 2013 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 222, City Hall**

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**PRESENT:** Chris Erl, Deryk Glodon, Gord Jackson, David Gunton, Michelle Poirier, Renee Wetselaar, Kerry Cranston, Marlon Picken

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Lee, May-Marie Duwai-Sowa – City of Hamilton

**REGRETS:** Rob Brown

**1. WELCOME**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 Meeting of May 7th, 2012**

**(David/Gord)**

That the May 7, 2013 minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3.2 Meeting of May 17th, 2012**

**(David/Kerry)**

That the May 17, 2013 minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**3.3 Meeting of June 11, 2012**

**(Gord/Renee)**

That the June 11, 2013 minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Additions/changes to the agenda:

Add email from the WELL concerning grant application to Section 5.3.

Add Update re Hamilton Police Services LGBTQ Advisory under New Business  
6.1 (Renee)

**(Marlon/ Chris)**

That the agenda for the January 17, 2013 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS**

**5.1 Resignation of Debbie Wooldridge**

A letter was received from Debbie Wooldridge advising of her resignation from the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

**(Renee/David)**

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee accept the resignation of Debbie Wooldridge, with regret.

**CARRIED**

The committee will send Debbie a card from committee thanking her for her service and wishing her well.

**5.2 Suicide Prevention Policy**

Committee members reviewed a draft Citizen Committee Report to City Council and minor changes in wording were made. It was suggested that the committee present to the Board of Health asking them to give consideration to comments and suggestions made by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee about the Suicide Prevention Strategy. A report will be made to the Board of Health. The suicide plan does make recommendations for mental health so inclusion of LGBTQ Advisory Committee comments are not out of line. Renee supports a presentation to public health; asked about the WELL and where they are concerning meetings with suicide prevention council. Kerry stated that there has been no further update from the WELL concerning a follow-up meeting since last discussed with Jae when he attended Advisory Committee meeting for information sharing on the issue. Jane will contact the WELL for an update.

**(Chris/Gord)**

That the presentation to the Board of Health be discussed at next meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED**

**5.3 Space Steering Committee Update**

Renee reported that meetings with the LGBTQ Space Steering Committee (SSC) have been held for several months, but the committee was having difficulty getting groups/individuals to the table. In the last two months several new members have joined committee & we have started over from beginning to ensure that process is representative of all LGBTQ communities; diverse; and based on an anti-oppressive framework. The SSC is re-examining roles, accountability & direction. Renee has stepped down as co-chair & new co-chairs/facilitators will be chosen. Details of past meetings were relayed

concerning topics discussed and work done by SSC. The SSC is looking into committee members taking Positive Space, Trans 101 & Anti-Oppressive Practice Training through the WELL. The WELL is submitting a grant application for funding for a Mental Health Needs Assessment & are offering to add a piece to their grant application which would incorporate the question of LGBTQ community space into the Needs Assessment. The WELL is asking for letters of support from the LGBTQ Space Steering Committee & the LGBTQ Advisory Committee for the grant application. Renee asked that the minutes reflect that there has been criticism of the Needs Assessment done in 2007 as being too limited in scope. That report was based on survey of 200 people at various times/locations, which is a significant sample for a Needs Assessment of this kind. An email from Jae at the WELL was received just prior to this meeting and was distributed to LGBTQ Advisory Committee members, indicating that the WELL no longer requires a letter of support from the committee, but did still request that the LGBTQ Advisory Committee support the grant application.

Round table discussion as follows:

- questions about actual caveat of letter of support
- WELL to provide LGBTQ Advisory Committee with a copy of application for review (?)
- need to ensure broad basis of community involvement in Needs Assessment
- email from Jae indicates that the WELL would be forming a community advisory committee which would be involved in the Needs Assessment process
- questions about ethical process in research
- not enough time given to advisory committee members to read and reflect on email. Not many details on actual plan.
- how to address possible perception of Needs Assessment being too WELL-focused?

**(David/Chris)**

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee agree “in principal” to collaboration & refer email and forthcoming executive summary of grant proposal from the WELL to LGBTQ Space Steering Committee for follow-up information and final decision prior to January 23, 2013 grant deadline. **CARRIED.**

**5.4 Future meetings – Date & Time**

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee has not had quorum since changing date of scheduled meetings. Quorum was achieved today, which is original day/time. The members agreed to return to original date/time for meetings & will aim to be finished by 7:00 pm.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Hamilton Police Service LGBTQ Advisory Committee Update**

Renee reported that there has been one community meeting about the status/direction of the Hamilton Police Service (HPS) LGBTQ Advisory

Committee. A second meeting is to be held on January 29, 2013. The Chief of Police is asking for input from LGBTQ community members. Results will be sent to HPS to outline concerns and give recommendations about role, structure, mandate & accountability of HPS LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

**7. INFORMATION SHARING**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, February 21, 2013**  
**5:30 pm**