



Hamilton

Minutes
LGBTQ Advisory Committee
Thursday, January 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 192

Present: Marlon Picken, Kristeen Sprague, David DaSilva, Violetta Nikolskaya, Kate Dalton, Autumn Getty, James Diemert

Regrets: Ron Vine, Debbie Wooldridge

Absent: Hibbs Briscoe, Councillor Aidan Johnson, Councillor Matthew Green

Staff: Betsy Pocop

Guests: Jennifer Talbot, Program Manager, Native Women's Centre
Greg Tedesco, Social Policy Analyst, Community and Emergency Services

Recorder: Betsy Pocop

Chair: M. Picken

First Nations, Metis, Inuit Recognition

K. Sprague did an opening

Welcome/Introductions

1. Changes to the Agenda

- Addition of Item 6.2 – Leslie Church community
- Removal of Item 5.3 – Learning Moment
- Addition of Item 5.5 – Pride Hamilton Update
- Addition of Item 5.6 – Hamilton Police Service

Motion #1

K. Sprague/A. Getty

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee accepts the agenda of January 18, 2018, as amended.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

- None declared

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Motion #2

K. Sprague/ V. Nikolskaya

That the minutes of December 14, 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Point in Time Connection

- Presentation by Greg Tedesco
- Point in Time connection will take place on April 22-23, 2018
- It is a measure of people experiencing homelessness at a given point in time
- There are benefits of enumeration, such as, enabling local measures of progress in reducing homelessness
- The name has been changed from point in time count to point in time connection
- VI- SPDAT Assessment Tool is used for the survey
- The results are shared locally and nationally
- Confidentiality: after a period of time the survey are destroyed and there is no identifying data
- Volunteer recruitment will commence in February
- There have been questions related to gender identity and gender expression
- Feedback for the survey questions were provided by the Committee: including ensuring additional options related to gender identity and gender expression are included in the survey questions; include member of the LGBTQ community to speak during volunteer training for awareness and education; should look to engage more with trans youth; consideration for wording of questions and options

5. Business/Discussion Items

5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

5.1.1 HIPC Request

- B. Pocop followed up with HIPC to schedule a presentation for February and a meeting with E. Myrie to discuss Inclusion Lens Toolkit

5.2 Terms of Reference

- To include that the space is available for meeting regardless of quorum
- Adjust wording for #5 - "facilitate"
- #4 and #5 are the same

5.3 Learning Moment

- M. Picken: Michelle Poirier (Brock University) will be facilitating an open dialogue with police service and the community

5.4 Needs Assessment Funding Request

- B. Pocop provided the Committee the options provided by the Financial Coordinator: access reserve funds or make a separate request for funding to Council
- The Committee requests Councillor Green's attendance at the next Committee meeting to consult on options

5.5 Pride Hamilton Update

- K. Dalton provided an update
- There was a positive turn out at the meetings held
- People from different organizations attended
- Developing a process for the committee elections and working on solidifying a direction to move forward
- People interested in participating can be put in touch in M. Picken

6 Announcements/ Information Sharing

6.1 Leslie Church Community

- Committee discussed recent details in the news concerning the deaths of LGBTQ community members in the Leslie Church community in Toronto

7 Adjournment

Motion #4

K. Sprague/ J. Diemert

That the LGBTQ Committee adjourn their meeting of January 18, 2018.

CARRIED

The meeting of January 18, 2018 was adjourned at 8:15pm.