



Hamilton

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**Minutes
LGBTQ Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 171**

Present: Marlon Picken, David DaSilva, Violetta Nikolskaya, Kate Dalton, Autumn Getty, Ron Vine
Regrets: James Diemert
Staff: Nadia Olivieri
Guests: (member of the public)

Recorder: Nadia Olivieri
Chair: M. Picken

Welcome/Introductions (6:15 pm)

A round of introductions and welcoming of members and guests

First Nations, Metis, Inuit Recognition

V. Nikolskaya did a land acknowledgement.

1. Changes to the Agenda

Motion #1

(A. Getty/K. Dalton)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee accepts the agenda of November 15, 2018, as amended.

- i) 5.6 move to be moved to 5.1b
- ii) 5.1c be created as 2019 Budget
- iii) 6.1 be created as Queer Women Event announcement

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

- None declared

3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

- No issues identified

Motion #2

(K. Dalton/A. Getty)

That the Committee's minutes of October 18, 2018 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

4. Presentation- n/a

5. Business/ Discussion Items

5.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- R. Vine requested to address the Learning Moment as an outstanding item arising out of the previous meeting.
- Staff Liaison requested that the members provide their understanding of the Learning Moment.
- Members discussed that the learning moment should not be a controversial item but rather an opportunity to reflect and learn something new as the committee is not wholly representative of the wider LGBTQI2S+ community; any member of the committee may bring anything up as a learning moment as long as the topic is approved by the committee at a previous meeting with quorum and supported by a motion; the moment should be cooperative – some learning moments need to be done by experts – someone more in touch with the issue to come forward and provide the learning moment; it was expressed that the moment has been very ineffective and has been divisive in the past.
- The Staff Liaison reviewed the following with the Committee

Definition of a “Learning Moment”: A Learning Moment occurs **during or after a teaching event**. It is the coming together of ideas in a manner the learner didn’t expect and that provides new and meaningful insight.

The Committee appears to be using the “Learning Moment” as an opportunity to make a presentation that takes into account the “white privileged” position as described by the teaching methodology outlined in Peggy MacIntosh’s work (Beyond the Knapsack Teaching Tolerance).

When referencing “white privilege”, Peggy MacIntosh incorporates that concept into what she labels as “Serial Testimony”.

- Serial Testimony is a teaching methodology that tries to incorporate the students lived experienced as defining the **relevant starting point** for any teaching event. By requesting students to engage in “Serial Testimony” the aim is to eliminate the prevailing (educator’s) “white privileged” perspective **before embarking on teaching any subject matter**.

The concepts are not interchangeable: the Committee members appear to be using the agenda item to both express a “learning moment” and as an opportunity to discuss perspectives that may not be representative of the collective knowledge of the LGBTQ present committee members. This has resulted in some conflict over the use of the Learning moment.

- Action: Committee members need to agree upon how to move forward with this item. If it is a Learning Moment as defined by the Staff Liaison or is it a Learning Space where the expectation is that the “instructor” makes efforts to understand the learning starting point of each of the committee members to maximize what is learned during the “Learning Space”.

5.1 b) Trans Day of Remembrance

- Due to timing, Spectrum along with A. Getty proposed different format for the event. The plan is to organize a dinner for trans-persons and their family and/or close friends. There will be trans-youth entertainment such as music, readings, etc.

- A Getty is working with Spectrum and Madeline Fournier – most of the work has been done. **Dinner will be at the YWCA on Tuesday night November 20, 2018.**
- There is a request to the Committee for \$500.00 to support the food cost for the evening event.

Motion #3:

(V. Nikolskaya /K. Dalton)

That the LGBTQ committee financially support Trans-day of Remembrance with up to \$600.00 in monetary funds. **CARRIED**

5.1 c) 2019 Budget

Reviewed and noted to reflect discussion from last month's minutes
The 2019 budget was signed by the Chair and provided to Staff

Quorum lost at 7:10 pm

5.2 Advisory Name – Community Consult: Defer

5.3 Learning Moment: Defer

5.4 Terms of Reference: Defer

5.5 Basic Income Project

- R. Vine – with respect to Basic Income Project, he would like to review if the committee would be interested at looking at it from the lens from LGBTQ2IA+ community as basic income is different for each member within this community.
- Those who continued to be present at the meeting agreed to revisit this topic at next month's meeting. R. Vine suggested that member consider content to draft a letter to Council that highlight analysis that is related to the LGBTQ2SIA+ community.

5.6 Transgender Day of Remembrance

- Item moved to 5.1 b

6. Announcements/ Information Sharing

- R. Vine advised Committee of an event in Toronto Tuesday November 20, 2018 – “How do we get Queer spaces for women in Toronto?”

7. Adjournment

The meeting of November 15, 2018 was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next meeting scheduled for December 20, 2018 at 6:00pm