



Hamilton

Minutes
LGBTQ Advisory Committee
Thursday, Jan 17, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
City Hall, 71 Main St. W., Room 171

Present: Marlon Picken, Violetta Nikolskaya, Kate Dalton, Autumn Getty, James Diemert

Regrets: Ron Vine

Absent: David DaSilva

Staff: Nadia Olivieri

Guests: (member of the public)

Recorder: Nadia Olivieri

Chair: M. Picken

Welcome/Introductions (6:05 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

(K. Dalton/ A. Getty)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee accepts the agenda of January 17, 2019, as amended.

- i) Add 5.6 request for funding for community event
- ii) 5.6 be first item discussed under Item # 5.

CARRIED

2. Declaration of Interest

- J. Diemert indicated that they are significantly involved in the planning of the event to be discussed in 5.6.

3. Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

- No issues identified

Motion #2

(A. Getty/ V. Nikolskaya)

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

CARRIED

4. Presentation- n/a

5. Business/ Discussion Items

5.6. Committee funding support

Hamilton LGBTQ2S+ Community Consultation Needs Assessment Committee is holding a Town Hall/Engagement meeting to review preliminary findings and collect opinions and comments from the community. The event is scheduled for January 31, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Hamilton Y. There are presently 75 confirmed attendees to the event.

Motion #3

(K. Dalton/ A. Getty)

That the Committee provide up to \$650.00 from its current budget to the January 31, 2019 LGBTQ2S+ event for catering and logistical issues (e.g. bus tickets for participants)

CARRIED (with one abstention)

5.1. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Learning Moment defined by staff at last meeting. Many members agreed that the terminology has an adverse response when mentioned.

Key takeaways from Novembers' discussion:

- When sharing information in a group setting, we continue to follow the City of Hamilton's Code of Conduct.
- Invest time on conflict resolution training
- Learn how to apologize to members who were overtly or unintentionally offended by comments made during discussion
- Recognize the mechanism to inject more information about the needs of the LGBTQ community to Council and the public is through the LGBTQ approved minutes
- Information shared should assist in effectively dispelling the perception that the LGBTQ community consist mostly of white males
- Information sharing should have a clear objective
- Guest speakers list and calendar should be created to ensure relevant topics are discussed and reflected in the minutes
- Topics for discussion should be vetted through the Chair and/or the Vice Chair a few weeks in advance of the meetings
- Topics be assigned a fix time presentation for presentation and discussion

Motion #4

(J. Diemert /A. Getty)

That the Learning Moment be removed as a standing item from the LGBTQ Committee meeting agenda.

CARRIED

5.2. Advisory Name – Community Consult

Members explained to guest that there was a suggestion to add 2SAI+ to the committee name. Everyone agreed that this item needs further input and consideration before deciding on any changes as the accepted acronym is constantly changing.

5.3. Learning Moment - n/a as per motion above

NB: Quorum lost at 6:45 with the departure of the vice chair.

5.4. Terms of Reference – suggest group comes prepared to discuss this at next meeting

Staff Liaison is asked to provide terms of reference in advance to committee members.

5.5. Basic Income Project - deferred

6. Announcements/ Information Sharing

Trans day of Remembrance event review

- Different topics at each table for discussion- people could pick where they wanted to sit and what topics they wished to discuss
 - Relaxed atmosphere
 - Still did candle lighting
 - SACHA spoke
 - Likely keep this format for future events
 - The support from the Committee was much appreciated
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- **Women's Event at City Hall Saturday January 19, 2019 at 9:45 am**– they are looking for allies to attend at 10:15 to show support to the women in attendance
 - **The Chair attended an indigenous event (Anastoten) –** very powerful event and encourages LGBTQ presence
 - **Awareness information:** LGBT entertainment organizers (Club Contour) are setting up shows at CORE Entertainment venue – First Ontario Place

7. Adjournment

The meeting concluded at 7:00pm (NB: quorum lost at 6:45pm)

Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2018 at 6:00pm