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LGBTQ Advisory Committee

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:20 PM

City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Room 192

Present: James Diemert, Autumn Getty (Recording Secretary), Lisa-Marie Johnston, Cameron Kroetsch (Chair), Violetta Nikolskaya (Vice Chair), Kyle Weitz, Maureen Wilson (City Council Appointee)

Regrets: Freja Gray, Mitch Ray-Borsc, Terri Wallis

Absent: Kristin Cavarzan, Jake Maurice

Staff: Jessica Bowen (Diversity and Inclusion)

Guest: Greg Tedesco (Housing Services, City of Hamilton)

1. Welcome / Introductions

Committee members and guests were welcomed and there was a round of introductions.

2. Land Acknowledgement

V. Nikolskaya provided a Land Acknowledgement.

3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None

4. Procedural Business

4.1 Motion to Approve the Formal Agenda

(J. Diemert / V. Nikolskaya)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the agenda for today's meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

4.2 Motion to Approve the Informal Agenda

(J. Diemert / V. Nikolskaya)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the agenda for today's meeting as distributed with the following additions / amendments:

- 7.7 - Civil Marriage Ceremonies at City Hall
- 7.8 - Informal Tour of the 519 in Toronto

CARRIED

4.3 Motion to Approve the Minutes of January 21, 2020

(K. Weitz / L. Johnston)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the minutes from its January 21, 2020 meeting as distributed.

CARRIED

5. Presentations / Delegations

5.1 Delegation from Greg Tedesco, Housing Services, City of Hamilton with respect to feedback on the Point-in-Time Connection survey

Delegate provided an overview of the Point-in-Time (PIT) connection (with brief presentation) and explained to the Committee that this is the third time that the City of Hamilton was participating in the national PIT connection.

The PIT will be implemented from April 19, 2020 to April 23, 2020. It will be similar to the PIT connection done in 2018 with the goal of connecting to the greater population.

The delegate asked Committee members for feedback on the demographic questions included in the survey and let members know that if they were interested in volunteering to help with the PIT connection that they could apply to do so online (delegate provided the link).

6. Regular Business

6.1 Motion to Schedule a Training and Planning Day for the Committee and to Assign a Budget for its Expenses

(A. Getty / K. Weitz)

That the Committee schedule a training and planning day for Sunday, April 26, 2020 and spend up to \$2,000.00 from its reserve.

CARRIED

Discussion: The Committee discussed possible options for capacity building and considered the objectives for the day as well as who might facilitate the content.

Possible training options included training related to anti-racism, anti-oppression, community engagement, and communications.

Members discussed different organisations who could possibly facilitate training. V. Nikolskaya will gather quotes for training from a few organisations for the Committee's consideration and will present them at the next meeting.

6.2 Motion to Delegate to the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committees about a(n):

All Advisory Committee Event; and

Change to the Standing Committee to which the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Reports

(K. Weitz / V. Nikolskaya)

That the Committee delegate to all of the City of Hamilton's Advisory Committees to get feedback from them about hosting an All Advisory Committee Event and about a Change to the Standing Committee to which the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Reports.

CARRIED

Discussion: The intention of delegating to all of the City of Hamilton's 13 Advisory Committees is to get feedback from them about holding an All Advisory Committee event potentially hosted by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee. The goal of the event is to get to know the members of other Advisory Committees.

Suggestions discussed by the Committee included the possibility of hearing presentations from all of the Advisory Committees about what they do so that these Committees can learn from one another; and to discuss the possibility of making joint recommendations to City Council around common issues. The delegates (Chair and Vice Chair) will bring these ideas for feedback to the other Advisory Committees.

The Committee also discussed the idea of moving from reporting to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee

to the Emergency and Community Services Committee. Members discussed that this might better align with its mandate and terms of reference.

6.3 Community Survey and Event about Flag Raising

(A. Getty / K. Weitz)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee draft a survey and plan an event to engage with Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities to get feedback about a flag raising in order to make a recommendation to City Council.

Discussion: Members of the Committee will come back with a draft and event plan at future meetings.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Update from Working Group on Committee Selection (on hiatus)

7.2 Update from Working Group on the Needs Assessment and Scheduling of its Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the YWCA.

7.3 Continued Discussion of Event for Pride Month 2020

Members discussed what options they wanted to see for a potential Pride event and that the matter would come before the Committee for a decision at its next meeting.

7.4 Continued Discussion of Food at Committee Meetings

Members discussed possible food vendors to provide refreshments for its monthly meetings including Planted, Cake & Loaf, and Coven. Other considerations included the proximity of the vendor to City Hall and supporting businesses that provide a living wage or that may be able to accommodate dietary restrictions.

7.5 Delegation to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee of February 20, 2020

Members discussed the potential of delegating to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee with respect to the Citizen Committee Reports that they submitted. Members didn't put forward a motion to delegate.

There was a brief related discussion following this about one of the Committee's Citizen Committee Reports with respect to how it might be possible to better advertise Committee vacancies. The Committee will prepare a report on this subject to send to the Office of the City Clerk.

7.6 Correspondence from the Hamilton Immigration Partnership Council

7.7 Civil Marriage Ceremonies at City Hall

Members discussed that there was a staff report with respect to civil marriage ceremonies at City Hall and that it was not possible for the Committee to comment formally due to the timelines for public feedback. C. Kroetsch asked the City Clerk if there was a way to extend the timelines to allow the Committee to comment but was told this was not possible.

7.8 Informal Tour of the 519 in Toronto

An informal invitation from City Staff was passed along to C.Kroetsch to see if members of the Committee would like to attend an informal tour of the 519 in Toronto. No members of the Committee expressed an interest in attending to represent it. C. Kroetsch was informed that attendees would include Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Deirdre Pike, Councillor Mauren Wilson, Councillor Nrinder Nann, and Christopher Cutler.

8. Notices

8.1 Motion to Submit a Citizen Committee Report to the Office of the City Clerk with respect to Recommending the Most Relevant Places for Advertising Committee Vacancies (see attached draft Citizen Committee Report)

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

(J. Diemert / K. Weitz)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 PM.

CARRIED