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Subject: Keep Cameron Kroetsch on the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee

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Mayor Eisenberg and Members of Council,

I am writing to express my serious concerns about the proposed removal of Cameron Kroetsch from the chair of the LGBTQ+ advisory committee over his remarks concerning Hamilton Police Service's failure to protect participants at the 2019 Pride festival.

I find it unfathomable that this complaint **against a tax-paying volunteer** was fast-tracked and prioritized over 14 complaints against Council. Will those 14 complaints ever be addressed?

I was the recipient of Terry Whitehead's extremely crude and unprofessional remarks about Hamilton's homeless population. I decided against filing a complaint with the integrity commission as I had already lost faith in my city council after a mostly lacking response to his behaviour. I was surprised to find out many citizens filed a complaint against Mr. Whitehead, but I worry that those complaints will remain unresolved as it is apparent that the priority of city council is not to address their own wrongdoings, but rather to silence their critics.

Please reconsider this reckless and irresponsible move to silence an engaged citizen, and keep Mr Kroetsch as chair of the LGBTQ+ committee.

Regards,

Amanda Ayer

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