



## CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

<b>To:</b>	Audit, Finance and Administration Committee; General Issues Committee; and City Council
<b>From:</b>	LGBTQ Advisory Committee  _____ Cameron Kroetsch, Chair
<b>Date:</b>	November 18, 2020
<b>Re:</b>	Motions 7.2 and 7.3 carried at the November 17, 2020 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee

### Recommendation

That the budget allocations approved at the November 17, 2020 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee ("LGBTQAC") for motions 7.2 and 7.3 be approved as follows (motions are listed below under Background).

#### Motion 7.2

- an allocation of \$450.00 from the LGBTQAC's budget to reimburse organizers for speaker fees associated with local Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) events happening on November 20, 2020 and November 24, 2020;

#### Motion 7.3

- an allocation of \$500.00 from the LGBTQAC's budget to assist spectrum Hamilton in running their online events and weekly online peer support;

- an allocation of \$500.00 from the LGBTQAC's budget to assist Kyle's Place in stocking their food pantry;
- an allocation of \$500.00 from the LGBTQAC's budget to assist the Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP) in supporting their ongoing drive to compile Harm Reduction Outreach Packages; and
- an allocation of \$500.00 from the LGBTQAC's budget to assist the The SPACE Youth Centre in supporting their OQRA and Kaleidoscope programs.

## **Background**

The LGBTQAC carried the following 2 motions at its meeting on November 17, 2020.

- 7.2 Motion to Recommend a Donation from the Committee's Budget to Support the Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDOR) (to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee)
- 7.3 Motion to Recommend Donations from the Committee's Budget to Organizations Supporting Members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic (to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee)

This is the corresponding Citizen Committee Report.

More information about the organizations mentioned above can be found by visiting the following websites.

- spectrum Hamilton - <https://www.spectrum.ca/>
- Kyle's Place - <https://hamiltontranshealth.ca/kyles-place/>
- Sex Workers' Action Program Hamilton (SWAP) - <https://swaphamilton.com/>
- The SPACE Youth Centre - <https://www.spaceyouth.ca/>

## **Analysis/Rationale**

These recommendations are in line with previous spending by the LGBTQAC and were allocated for in our 2020 budget submission. The LGBTQAC has, as yet, not allocated any funding from the \$2,460.00 available as part of its budget due to it not regularly meeting during the COVID-19 pandemic. Allocations from the budget are usually spaced further apart.

With respect to motion 7.2, the LGBTQAC has supported this event for at least 3 years (perhaps longer) by contributing to event costs.

With respect to motion 7.3, the LGBTQAC regularly supports Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ programming in our community. The LGBTQAC usually supports Pride as well but because the LGBTQAC was not meeting earlier in the year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it chose not to allocate funds but will hopefully be in a position to do so next year. All of these groups have been asking for donations to support members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities during the pandemic and will provide the appropriate documentation to staff in order to fulfill any reimbursements or direct costs.

**NOTE** - We ask that the LGBTQAC Chair be updated as to when and at what Committee the recommendation(s) in this Citizen Committee Report will be addressed so that they can speak to the matter formally at that time.