



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Audit, Finance and Administration Committee; General Issues Committee; and City Council
From:	LGBTQ Advisory Committee Cameron Kroetsch, Chair
Date:	January 19, 2021
Re:	All Advisory Committee Event

Recommendation

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee (LGBTQAC) host a virtual all Advisory Committee event to be held in 2021 with all other City of Hamilton Advisory Committees (there are 14 in total according to the City of Hamilton's website).

Background

This proposed event will be similar to December events that have been held in the past by the Committee (but will be virtual due to the COVID restrictions that are currently in place).

This event is intended to restart the tradition of ACs coming together informally (i.e. not using a formal meeting structure). In the past, it was a regular occurrence for Chairs, Vice Chairs, and other members of ACs to hold informal events to gather, discuss best practices, and offer support to one another.

If approved by City Council, each AC would be sent information from the LGBTQAC as an item of correspondence for its next available meeting. The Chair of the LGBTQAC and its Staff Liaison will coordinate with other ACs and their Staff Liaisons to select a

date that will work for the other ACs and then send an invitation to all ACs to invite them to attend.

As an event, and not a formal public meeting, there will be no requirement to host the event through Webex, so it may be hosted using another virtual meeting software. The event will not be conducting or advancing any official City business.

Analysis / Rationale

The purpose is for each AC to have the opportunity to introduce itself and to educate the other ACs about what it does. As part of this presentation, each AC will talk about the successes it has had and the challenges it has faced. There will be an open discussion after these presentations to allow for comments, suggestions, feedback, and support.

The Chair of the LGBTQAC delegated to 2 other ACs in 2020 (Arts Advisory Commission and the Hamilton Cycling Committee) and made a brief presentation to them about holding this event. Members of both ACs were very supportive of attending the event as described in this report.

The Chair of the LGBTQAC and its Staff Liaison will co-facilitate the event.

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.