



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Audit, Finance and Administration Committee; General Issues Committee; and City Council
From:	LGBTQ Advisory Committee _____ Cameron Kroetsch, Chair
Date:	April 20, 2021
Re:	Community Survey

Recommendation

That the City of Hamilton approve the attached Community Survey and distribute it through the Engage Hamilton platform or, if there is something that unexpectedly prevents the timely use of that platform, that it be distributed using SurveyMonkey by the members of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee themselves.

That the survey be released no later than April 29, 2021 and that it be up for no less than 2 weeks, until May 13, 2021, with results sent to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee no later than May 14, 2021 so that members of the Committee, and the public, will have time to review them before the next meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee on May 18, 2021.

Background

The City of Hamilton's LGBTQ Advisory Committee has held an event at City Hall to recognize Pride for many years. In 2019, the Committee recommended to the City that it not hold a flag raising ceremony. Since that time, and since the events of Pride 2019, there have been many conversations in Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities about this and other related issues.

Analysis / Rationale

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee is seeking feedback from members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities about the City of Hamilton's recognition of Pride in our city and the role that our Committee should play in it.

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee hopes to make a recommendation to City Council about a potential event commemorating Pride and would like your feedback.

The answers to the questions in the survey will inform our feedback and the recommendation we make to City Council for this year and in future years. No identifying information is being collected and the feedback will remain anonymous.

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee will be presenting the results of this survey at its meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

When the data has been collected through the survey, and as we present it to the Committee in May, we will also look to [*Mapping the Void*](#) to help inform our recommendation.

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.