



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Audit, Finance and Administration Committee; General Issues Committee; and City Council
From:	LGBTQ Advisory Committee Cameron Kroetsch, Chair
Date:	August 17, 2021
Re:	Recommendations from the Community Conversation

Recommendations

1. That the City of Hamilton implement the following priorities, as brought to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee from members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities from across the city, at its June 15, 2021 Community Conversation -
 - a. Locate, build, or otherwise procure a safe space for the direct use and benefit of the Two Spirit community and the organizations that support it
 - b. Provide direct and ample funding to programming for a wide variety of organizations that directly support Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities
 - c. Respond to and take action on the recommendations outlined in Scott Bergman's report entitled "Pride in Hamilton - An Independent Review into the Events Surrounding Pride Hamilton 2019" commissioned by the

Hamilton Police Services Board and released on June 8, 2020

- d. Implement a municipal framework, generated by and accountable to City Council, to take action on the following immediately -
 - i. Put an end to carding and racial profiling
 - ii. Ban the surveillance of community activists
 - iii. Support the safe use and safe injection of drugs in the City's shelter spaces
 - iv. Implement a city-wide landlord licensing program
 - v. Prioritize a dramatic increase in affordable housing provided by the City of Hamilton
 - vi. Stop the dismantling of encampments and the continued forced eviction of houseless residents from public land
 - vii. Place a city-wide moratorium on evictions for at least another 18 months to allow tenants to continue to adjust and respond to the ongoing impacts of the pandemic
 - viii. Develop and fund a plan to provide targeted social services to members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities including food, legal support, mental health support, and education
 - ix. Create a City department that is responsive to the needs of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities and is connected to social service supports
2. That each member of City Council respond to the following question by sending correspondence to the LGBTQ Advisory Committee for its September 2021 meeting -

As an elected official representing members of Hamilton's Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities, what will you personally do in the remaining 1 year of this term of Council to action, implement, and advocate for the recommendations outlined in this report? Please be specific and exhaustive in your response.

Background

Analysis / Rationale