



# Hamilton

## MINUTES

### **LGBTQ Advisory Committee**

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Webex

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**Present:** Rebecca Banky, Gregory Cousins, James Diemert, Will Fularczuk, Shaiden Keaney, Cameron Kroetsch (Chair), Violetta Nikolskaya (Vice Chair), Ashley Paton, Kieran Thiara, Councillor Maureen Wilson (City Council Appointee)

**Regrets:** Autumn Getty, Terri Wallis, Kyle Weitz

**Absent:** Freja Gray, Lisa-Marie Johnston, Jake Maurice

**Staff:** Pauline Kajiura (Staff Liaison), Taline Morris (Talent and Diversity)

**Guests:** None

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### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

C. Kroetsch took roll call.

### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

V. Nikolskaya provided a Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**(R. Banky / K. Thiara)**

That the Agenda for today's meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**(R. Banky / A. Paton)**

That the Minutes from the July 20, 2021 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. Communications**

**6.1 Invitation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group regarding a Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Discussion on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM**

**(V. Nikolskaya / A. Paton)**

That the Invitation from the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group regarding a Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Discussion on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM be received

**CARRIED**

## **7. Regular Business**

### **7.1 Motion to Recommend the Citizen Committee Report entitled Changing the Standing Committee to which the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Reports (Outstanding Business List)**

C. Kroetsch and P. Kajiura advised that there is no conflict in reporting to a different Standing Committee.

#### **(R. Banky / G. Cousins)**

That the committee recommend the Citizen Committee Report entitled Changing the Standing Committee to which the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Reports

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Motion to Approve Sending Two Delegates to the Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Discussion with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM via Webex**

V. Nikolskaya inquired if there would be an opportunity to solicit feedback from the community and if a member of the Transportation Working Group would be willing to delegate to LGBTQ Advisory Committee to provide more information about this topic.

#### **(G. Cousins / K. Thiara)**

That the LGBTQ Committee approve Sending Two Delegates to the Virtual Collaborative Roundtable Discussion with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group on October 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM via Webex

**CARRIED**

## **8. Discussion Items**

### **8.1 Updates on outstanding Citizen Committee Reports (C. Kroetsch, P. Kajiura)**

No Updates

### **8.2 Updates from Working Groups**

- **Changing the Name of the Committee**

- Update to be provided at the September 2021 Meeting

- **Reviewing and Updating Committee Materials**

- Update to be provided at the October 2021 Meeting

### **8.3 Citizen Committee Report regarding the Committee's June 15, 2021 Community Conversation (see attached Hate Prevention & Mitigation Initiative reports)**

C. Kroetsch provided an update that the Committee's recommendations were similar to recommendations recently ratified by council at a General Issues Committee meeting (specifically, the Sage Solutions report prepared by Dr. Rebecca Sutherns).

More work will need to be done to determine where there isn't overlap so a new set of recommendations can be made as City Council will not consider recommendations on issues

where the terms of the decision would be identical to one that has already been made (or is in the process of being made).

#### **8.4 Recording and Retaining the Proceedings of LGBTQ Advisory Committee Meetings**

Concern was expressed that the recording and retaining of LGBTQ Advisory Committee meetings might pose risks to some on the Committee and might discourage some from coming forward to sit on the Committee in future.

Recommendations will be made asking the City Clerk's office to do more engagement to follow up with individual committee members about barriers to having meetings recorded and retained.

#### **8.5 Outstanding Business List Items**

- **Rescheduling, Choosing a Location for, and Inviting Facilitators to a Committee Training and Planning Day**

No discussion

- **Changing the Food for Committee Meetings**

No discussion

### **9. Notices of Motion**

#### **9.1 Motion to Recommend a Citizen Committee Report regarding the Committee's June 15, 2021 Community Conversation**

**9.2 Motion to Delegate to the Audit, Finance and Administration Committee when the Committee's June 2021 Citizen Committee Report about the Community Conversation is on the Agenda**

**10. Announcements**

**10.1 Get A Kit - The AIDS Network**

J. Diemert announced that The AIDS Network has started a pilot project called "Get A Kit". It is a free HIV testing delivery service. Individuals can sign up and request kits through The AIDS Network's website.

**10.2 Remaining Meetings and Upcoming Elections**

C. Kroetsch advised that the Committee only had three meetings left in the year, reminding all that the December meeting is traditionally skipped and that there would be an election for a new Committee Chair either before or at the January meeting.

**11. Adjournment**

**(R. Banky / G. Cousins)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 PM.

**CARRIED**