



Hamilton

MINUTES
LGBTQ Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 21, 2021
6:00 PM - 7:20 PM
Webex

Present: Rebecca Banky, Gregory Cousins, James Diemert, Will Fajarczuk, Lisa-Marie Johnston, Shaiden Keaney, Jake Maurice, Violetta Nikolskaya (Vice Chair), Ashley Paton, Kieran Thiara, Kyle Weitz, Councillor Maureen Wilson (City Council Appointee)

Regrets: Cameron Kroetsch (Chair), Terri Wallis (On Leave)

Absent: Autumn Getty, Freja Gray

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

Guests: None

1. Welcome and Introductions

V. Nikolskaya took roll call.

2. Land Acknowledgement

V. Nikolskaya provided a Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

(R. Banky / G. Cousins)

That the Agenda for today's meeting be approved.

CARRIED

4. Declarations of Interest

None

5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

(R. Banky / W. Fularczuk)

That the Minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting be approved.

CARRIED

6. Regular Business

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

(R. Banky / S. Keaney)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee recommend the
Citizen Committee Report regarding the Committee's June
15, 2021 Community Conversation.

CARRIED

Discussion - Committee members provided feedback on the
Citizen Committee Report which summarized the
recommendations from the community conversation that took

place on June 15. That feedback will be incorporated into the final version before it is sent to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

6.2 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

(J. Diemert / K. Weitz)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve sending R. Banky and J. Maurice 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

Discussion - The Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group is holding a Virtual Collaborative Roundtable event to discuss challenges and changes to public transit during the pandemic and beyond.

6.3 Motion to Approve an Honorarium for input by members of Two Spirit Communities for the Working Group on Changing the Name of the Committee

(R. Banky / G. Cousins)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve an honorarium pool of \$350 to use for input by members of the Two Spirit Community members for the Working Group on changing the name of the Committee. Specific amounts to be determined by the Chair of the Working Group and the Chair

of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Discussion - Committee members discussed the appropriate amount for an honorarium to receive input from Two Spirit communities on changing the name of the Committee.

7. Discussion Items

7.1 Updates on outstanding Citizen Committee Reports

No discussion

7.2 Updates from Working Groups

- **Changing the Name of the Committee**

- The Working Group has had one meeting and discussed receiving input from Two Spirit communities on changing the name. The Working Group is requesting an honorarium from the Committee to facilitate this.

- **Reviewing and Updating Committee Materials**

- No discussion

7.3 Hamilton Police Service Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Engagement Survey (V. Nikolskaya).

V. Nikolskaya advised that the Hamilton Police Service has partnered with McMaster University to launch a Two-Spirit and LGBTQIA+ Engagement Survey. G. Cousins will contact Dr. Tina Fetner, Chair of the Sociology Department at McMaster University, with Committee questions. Some

Committee questions and comments included -

- How will feedback be analyzed?
- Is there an opportunity to provide resources for individuals completing the survey?
- Can contact information be added in case of additional questions?
- The survey is vague and does not allude to the reasoning for the survey.

7.4 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

8. Notices of Motion

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

8.2 Motion to Delegate to the Standing Committee when the Committee's September 2021 Citizen Committee Report regarding Recording and Retaining the Proceedings of LGBTQ Advisory Committee Meetings.

**8.3 Election of a Chair, Vice Chair and Recording Secretary
for 2022 (for the November 2021 meeting)**

9. Announcements

9.1 The AIDS Network

J. Diemert advised that The AIDS Network is applying to open a Consumption and Treatment Site (CTS) in Ward 3. Those that live and work in Ward 3 are encouraged to complete the community engagement survey, which can be found at <https://aidsnetwork.com/cts>.

10. Adjournment

(R. Banky / G. Cousins)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:20 PM.

CARRIED