



Hamilton

**Minutes**

**Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee**

**Thursday, January 27, 2022**

**6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Due to the COVID-19 and the Closure of City Hall All  
electronic meetings can be viewed at: City's YouTube  
Channel:**

**<https://www.youtube.com/user/InsideCityofHamilton>  
Virtual Meeting**

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**Present:** Stephanie Bertolo, Yulena Wan, Jan Lukas, Anna  
Davey

**Regrets:** Autumn Getty, Deanna Allain

**Also Present:** Kim Manderson - Staff Liaison  
Taline Morris - Admin Assistant

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**1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

**1.1 Land Acknowledgement**

S. Bertolo provided the Land Acknowledgement

## **2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**(J.Lukas/Y. Wan)**

That the Agenda of January 27, 2022 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

No Declaration of Interest received

## **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **i. Minutes of November 25, 2021**

**(J.Lukas/Y.Wan)**

That the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee approve the Minutes of November 25, 2021 as presented.

**CARRIED**

## **5. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

### **i. Hamilton Health Sciences- Community Input**

Staff advised that a request has been received from Hamilton Health Sciences for representation of this committee. Staff have advised HHS that a Delegation Request is required. Staff to update when Delegation Request is received.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **i. Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

## **a. Recruitment**

Staff advised that Council approved an update to the Appointing of Citizens to the Volunteer Advisory Committees allowing vacancies that occur within the 12 months of the end of the Term of Council to be filled if there are remaining applicants on file. Staff advised that the Clerk's Office is currently reviewing if there are applicants remaining on file and will advise Staff on next steps. Staff to update when next steps are known for consideration of the committee.

## **b. Citizen Committee Report- AF&A**

Staff advised that the Citizen Committee report entitled: Reinstatement of COVID- 19 Encampment Protocol was received by the Audit and Finance Administration Committee.

The Chair and/or representation from the Women and Gender Equity Committee is invited to attend a future meeting of the Audit, Finance & Administration Committee or the Emergency & Community Services Committee to present on the Citizen Committee Report.

S. Bertolo advised that the Emergency & Community Services Committee is likely the more appropriate committee to make a presentation and that S. Bertolo would attend but D. Allain should present as it was her motion. S. Bertolo offered other Committee members to also attend.

Staff will work with the Chair of the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee to bring

the delegation to an upcoming meeting of the Standing Committee.

**ii. 2022 Meeting dates**

Staff advised that September and October meetings will be impacted with the Election period as Committee will not be meeting. Staff advise that Committee should consider confirming meeting dates for August and September to ensure any actions are to the Standing Committee ahead of time. Consideration can be made to moving the September meeting.

**(S. Bertolo/A. Davey)**

That the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee move the September meeting to meet on September 8, 2022.

**CARRIED**

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS**

**i. Women of Distinction Awards**

J. Lukas- requested information about the Committee support for the Women of Distinction Awards.

Y.Wan advised that the committee in previous years has purchased a table to attend the Awards. This year it will be done virtually, and the committee can purchase a table (virtual room) for the committee to attend as a group. In previous years following a motion, the invoice would be sent to the City for payment.

**(S. Bertolo/A. Davey)**

That the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee purchase a table for the 2022 Women of Distinction Awards.

**CARRIED**

**ii. 30th Annual Ancaster Food Drive**

J. Lukas advised that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Ancaster Food Drive is being held virtually again this year, that the amount of people accessing food banks has increased and requested support from the committee. Further information can be found at [www.ancastercommunityfooddrive.ca](http://www.ancastercommunityfooddrive.ca)

**iii. YWCA- Elections Event**

S. Bertolo to follow up with the YWCA event organizers as no further information has been received.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(S. Bertolo/ Y.Wan)**

That the Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee be adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Bertolo, Chair  
Hamilton Women and Gender Equity Committee

Kim Manderson,  
Human Rights Specialist, Talent & Diversity  
City Manager's Office, Human Resources.