

# **INFORMATION REPORT**

то:	Chair and Members Emergency and Community Services Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	May 5, 2022
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation (HSC22016) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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### **COUNCIL DIRECTION**

The Emergency and Community Services Committee at its meeting of November 4, 2021, approved the following:

"That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Citizen Committee Report, respecting Recommendations from the Community Conversation, be received & referred to staff for review & report back to Emergency and Community Services".

### INFORMATION

On June 15, 2021, the LGBTQ Advisory Committee held a Community Conversation bringing together members of Two Spirit and LGBTQIA+ communities from across Hamilton. Recommendations for implementation that were identified during the Community Conversation were brought to the Emergency and Community Services Committee on November 4, 2021.

Staff have reviewed the recommendations from the Community Conversation and have identified many recommendations that align with existing work within the City of

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Hamilton, specifically Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan. Some of this work includes but is not limited to increasing the availability of affordable housing, creating plans and providing staff support for LGBTQIA+ programming, and increasing community safety by responding to the Pride in Hamilton report commissioned by Hamilton Police Services. Staff have also identified where recommendations may fall outside of the City's mandate or scope of work (e.g. the residential eviction process which is controlled by the Province).

Continued engagement with the LGBTQ Advisory Committee is essential to ensure the staff review appropriately reflects the intentions of the recommendations put forward by the Advisory Committee as staff were not active participants in the Community Conversation. Staff attend the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meetings and have an established relationship with the committee. As a next step, staff will engage with the LGBTQ Advisory Committee an update on City actions relevant to recommendations from the Community Conversation.

Given the results of the staff review related to alignment with the Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan, and to ensure ongoing focus on this important work, future updates on this work will be reported to the Emergency and Community Services Committee through updates on Hamilton's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

## APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None