



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**  
**LGBTQ Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, December 9, 2010 – 5:30 pm**  
**Room 171, City Hall**

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**PRESENT:** Jae Adams, D. Dixon, Simon Lebrun (Chair), Lyla Miklos, Debbie Woolridge, Christina Tedesco

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Lee (City of Hamilton)

**REGRETS:** Deirdre Pike

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**(Dixon/Woolridge)**

That the October 21, 2010 minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

**4. DISCUSSION**

**4.1 Online Community Listings Program**

The Committee discussed a proposal submitted by The Well regarding a co-sponsorship between The Well and the LGBTQ Advisory Committee for the development of an Online Community Listings Program for Hamilton's LGBTQ Communities. This is an initiative to address the community need for information. It addresses the item in the Terms of Reference for the committee related to facilitating access to accurate information about LGBTQ communities, including up-to-date list of LGBTQ-positive spaces, programs, resources and organizations. Following discussion, the committee passed the following motion.

**(Miklos/Dixon)**

(a) That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee agree to co-sponsor with The

Well the development of the Online Community Listings Programs for Hamilton's LGBTQ Communities at a cost of \$1900 from the 2010 committee budget.

(b) That the Well provide ongoing updates with respect to the development of the community listings. **CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Community Vigil – Make It Better**

Christina Tedesco noted the Community Vigil taking place at City Hall on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, organized by the Well's Radar Youth Group. The vigil was in support of the Make It Better campaign for LGBTQ youth and allies, in response to the large number of youth who have taken their lives or contemplate suicide. It is a campaign to let LGBTQ youth know that they have support and their lives matter. Committee members support the vigil.

### **5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

Jane advised that Mayor Bratina will continue to act as the liaison to the LGBTQ committee and will attend the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meetings as his schedule permits.

### **6. INFORMATION SHARING**

#### **6.1 Queer Voices, Straight Up – Community Forum**

Members discussed the community forum held on November 24th, co-sponsored with the Social Planning and Research Council as part of the process of updating the LGBTQ Needs Assessment. Members in attendance noted positives, that there were some new participants, that the speakers were inspiring, it provided possible engagement of new volunteers, and that there was some validation in the afternoon from community members of projects that are underway. Some participants felt that the connection between the exercises and the research was not clear to participants, and look forward to an update from the SPRC about the results of the forum.

#### **6.2 Community Events**

Lyla noted that she had attended the World Aids Day Vigil at Christ Church Cathedral, and that Sky Gilbert's play, Bus Stop in Hamilton, went well.

Debbie noted that she had attended a seminar on homelessness in Toronto, also attend by members of the LGBTQ community & LGBTQ youth. She had been asked about training, and had received 2 follow-up emails requesting workshops.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.