



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**  
**LGBTQ Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, January 19, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Room 222, City Hall**

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**PRESENT:** Rob Brown, Deirdre Dixon, David Gunton, Gord Jackson,  
Marlon Picken, Michelle Poirier, Renee Wetselaar, Debbie Wooldridge

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Lee, May-Marie Duwai-Sowa (City of Hamilton)

**REGRETS:** Kerry Cranston

**1. WELCOME**

**2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**(D.Wooldridge/D.Gunton)**

That the minutes of the November 17, 2011 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Two changes were made to the agenda.

**(D.Wooldridge/Dixon)**

That the agenda for the January 19, 2012 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee be approved as amended. **CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**5.1 Banner Specifications Update**

2012: June 25-July 1

2013: June 24-30

2014: June 23-29

Consider collaboration with Hamilton Positive Space, AIDS Network, The Well (Are You Queer Campaign). Dixon will discuss this with the Well Board. Radar Youth can help design the banner. Seek input from the Strategic Space Planning Committee. Need to reach out to larger community in keeping with Committee's mandate. Provide a heads-up to stakeholder group to discuss banner at the February meeting.

**(D.Wooldridge/Dixon)**

That members of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee contact stakeholders in the community regarding expressions of interest for the banner design.

**CARRIED**

**5.2 Flag Request for Pride Week**

A copy of the Flag Policy/Protocol report was previously distributed. Discussion took place on flying the LGBTQ flag at City Hall during Pride Week.

**(D.Wooldridge/D.Gunton)**

That a request will be sent to the Mayor's Office to fly the LGBTQ flag at City Hall during Pride Week, June 11-18, 2012.

**CARRIED**

Discussion also took place regarding hosting a community raising the flag ceremony on June 11 at noon. An invitation will be extended to the Mayor to attend and say a few words.

**5.3 December Open House Feedback**

Positive feedback received. In future, will devote more time to work on the media aspect.

Discussion took place on making the Committee's presence known. It was suggested that we have a table at PRIDE to highlight what the committee is doing and communicate our mission and vision.

Marlon requested a list of the staff who supported the Committee at the Open house so that he could send a note of thanks.

**5.4 (a) LGBTQ Needs Assessment Follow-up**

Quarterly reports to Council.

**(b) Planning Process for Space Subcommittee**

The Space Subcommittee is putting a call out to stakeholder groups to elect delegates for a meeting in February. Renée has developed a draft Terms of Reference. Terms of Reference will be emailed to Subcommittee members for their feedback.

**(R. Wetselaar/G. Jackson)**

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee allocate up to \$500 to hire a facilitator for preparation, follow up and to generate a report for the Community Space Task Force.

**(D. Gunton/R. Brown)**

The above motion be amended to say that the Community Space Sub-committee will select the facilitator.

**CARRIED**

**5.5 Resignation**

The members were informed that Kristeen Sprague had submitted her resignation from the committee

**(G. Jackson/R. Brown)**

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee send a note of thanks to Kristeen for her participation on the Committee. **CARRIED**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Request – Leave of Absence**

Michelle requested a leave of absence from the committee from June 2012 to January 2013.

Discussion took place on getting a replacement on the committee. Jane Lee will discuss the process with Clerks about filling vacant seats.

**(R.Wetselaar/D.Wooldridge)**

That the leave of absence for Michelle Poirier from the LGBTQ Advisory Committee from June 2012 to January 2013 be granted. **CARRIED**

6.2 Request from Positive Space Collaboration, Hamilton Police Advisory, The Well, The AIDS Network to have a meeting to discuss future direction, workplan, banner, Pride.

**(G.Jackson/R.Brown)**

That an invitation be sent to stakeholders requesting designates be sent to the February 16, 2012 meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee. **CARRIED**

**6.3 Suicide Prevention Conference**

Rob Brown provided an verbal update on his attendance at the Suicide Prevention Conference. He will submit a written report as well. A 3-day National Suicide Prevention Conference will be held in Niagara Falls, October 14-16, 2012.

**7. INFORMATION SHARING**

Debbie provided update:

- extra food from Open House was greatly appreciated by the YWCA
- YWCA has a new trans-inclusive policy
- YWCA has a trans-only swim session

She is currently working at the Good Shepherd's Women's Shelter. Staff there are amazing.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

On motion, the meeting adjourned.