



Hamilton

**Amended MINUTES
LGBTQ Advisory Committee
March 14, 2013 – 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Room 222, City Hall**

PRESENT: Michelle Poirier, Chris Erl, David Gunton, Renee Wetselaar, Gord Jackson, Marlon Picken, Kerry Cranston

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

REGRETS: Rob Brown

1. WELCOME

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Meeting of January 17, 2013

(David/Gord)

That the minutes of the January 17, 2013 LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

3.2 Notes from February 13, 2013

There was not have quorum for the February 13, 2013 meeting. Members in attendance took notes of their discussion. These notes were circulated and received by the members.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Jane requested the addition of two items in Information Sharing:

7.1 Discussion of banner for Pride

7.2 SafeTALK training

(Chris/Kerry)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee agenda for the March 14, 2013 meeting was approved, as amended. **CARRIED**

5. BUSINESS

Amended – April 18, 2013

5.1 Suicide Prevention Strategy

Jane has made changes to the wording of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee Report to Council as requested by committee members.

She will schedule a presentation to the Board of Health at their meeting of Monday, June 17, 2013. The Board of Health meetings start at 1:30. Presentations are done at beginning of the meeting.

Jane gave Kerry hard copies of the Public Health Strategic Plan and the Ontario Action Plan for Mental Health to review. Jane will send electronic copies to Renee and David.

5.2 Pride Involvement

Kerry advised committee members of the response received from The WELL about whether they will be planning Pride festival again this year. The WELL has submitted a SEAT (Special Event) application for the park, rally and march. The WELL board is currently unsure about funding for Pride, and are looking for other organizations to come forward to sponsor various parts of the festival.

Following discussion, the committee voted to request a copy of the proposed budget for Pride from the WELL. Jane will contact The WELL for information.

(Renee/Chris)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee send a request to The WELL asking for a budget proposal for Pride 2013 activities planned by The WELL.

CARRIED

(Marlon/David)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee send a letter asking local LGBTQ groups and organizations if they have begun talking about Pride.

CARRIED

May-Marie updated committee members about the proposed use by the committee of a City tent for Pride Marketplace. The City has two 10ft x 10ft tents that are available. The LGBTQ Advisory Committee will need to submit a request for use. The committee requested that May-Marie submit a request on their behalf for the use of both tents on Saturday, June 15, 2013.

Jane distributed draft letter inviting City Councilors to take part in Pride by attending the Advisory Committee tent during the afternoon

to meet members of the LGBTQ communities. Committee members to provide feedback on letter at next meeting.

Discussion followed regarding branding of items to be given out at Advisory Committee tent. Chris has been working on a few designs that he will send electronically to committee members. Committee members to provide feedback as soon as possible.

Jane advised that it will take about 2 months to receive approval from City on any logo/branding design.

Jane advised that the committee can approve a motion to accept the design, until approved at next meeting.

David asked about the price of the City items in the display case in the lobby & what prices would be if the Advisory Committee purchased a quantity in bulk. May-Marie to obtain this information. It was suggested that the committee give people something in exchange for email contact so we can reach community members to update about space steering committee activities, etc. Kerry agreed with David about compiling a contact list, and reminded committee members that an email has still yet to be set-up by the Advisory Committee. May-Marie to talk to other Advisory committees who have email accounts to find out the process. Renee asked about possibility of the Advisory Committee using the display space at City hall during Pride week. Kerry suggested that it might be a good opportunity to connect with LGBTQ community members if we put out a call for submissions. May-Marie will add a line about art submission for the display when she is preparing the Pride status letter for local LGBTQ groups & organizations.

A discussion took place regarding future Pride weeks and the use of banner space in front of City Hall. Jane advised that the Advisory Committee has reserved the space until 2014. Committee members want to request additional years to guarantee space during Pride Week. Jane advised that a request could be made, but no guarantee. Kerry requested confirmation that such a motion would see this Advisory Committee tying up funds of a future Advisory Committee beyond the term of the current committee. Jane confirmed this was the case, but advised that the banner space is not paid until the time of use & a future committee could cancel the booking if they so desired.

(Renee/Michelle)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee submit a request for banner space in front of City Hall during Pride Week in 2015 and 2016.

CARRIED

A discussion took place regarding the Pride flag raising ceremony on Monday, June 10, 2013. The letter sent to invite the Mayor & City Councillors in 2012 will be reviewed for use this year. Jane advised that Advisory Committee needs to book the forecourt of City Hall for the flag raising ceremony.

(Renee/David)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee requests the use of a flag pole, two Pride flags & the forecourt of City Hall on Monday, June 10, 2013 at noon for a Pride flag raising ceremony. **CARRIED**

(David/Gord)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee requests that the Pride flag be raised and remain flying at City Hall from Monday, June 10, 2013 until Monday, June 17, 2013. **CARRIED**

(Marlon/ Michelle)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee establish a Pride Steering Committee to oversee flag raising ceremony & Pride display.

CARRIED

(Renee/Chris)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee request the use of the display cases at City Hall during the month of June 2013.

CARRIED

(Kerry/David)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee invite the Mayor & City Council to attend the Pride flag raising ceremony on Monday, June 10, 2013.

CARRIED

The Pride Steering Committee members will include Michelle, Marlon, Renee, Chris & David.

Jane noted that the Audit & Finance Committee meets on Monday, June 10, 2013 and that the Advisory Committee may wish to request time to make a short presentation to them about the history & importance of Pride Week .

(Chris/Renee)

That the LGBTQ Advisory Committee request time to make a short presentation to Audit & Finance Committee on Monday, June 10, 2013.

CARRIED

Marlon & Gord volunteered to make the Pride presentation to Audit & Finance Committee on June 10, 2013.

Jane suggested that the Advisory Committee seek an organization who may have historical LGBTQ archival material for future displays. Kerry to send information to Jane about the LGBTQ Archive in Toronto.

5.3 Update on Space Steering Committee

The March 2013 meeting was cancelled due to insufficient attendance for quorum so no update.

5.4 Housing & Homelessness Action Plan

Jane will send a request, on behalf of the Advisory Committee, for an update on the status/findings of the plan.

6. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

7. INFORMATION SHARING

7.1 Banner information was discussed during Pride section of meeting.

7.2 SafeTalk

The WELL invited members of the Advisory Committee to take part in a free SafeTALK training for suicide prevention. Kerry will be taking the training on Saturday, March 16th and David & Gord are taking training on Wednesday, March 27th.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**NEXT MEETING
April 18th at 5:30 p.m.**