



## LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2011

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To support Council's Priority: "Building Strong, Safe and Inclusive Communities" a video presentation entitled "(TRANS)formations" was presented by the LGBTQ Advisory Committee to Council Members and senior staff on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 5:05 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, City Hall.

Drew Dennis (LGBTQ Advisory Committee) and Metha Brown (Masters Graduate of The School of Community & Regional Planning, at UBC) discussed some of the challenges faced by Vancouver's transgender communities that others take for granted such as;

- Public washrooms - do I use the male or the female washroom?
- Aquatic & Recreational Centres - swimming without being scrutinized and the lack of unisex change rooms; and
- City forms can be an obstacle - two boxes to check off on a gender specific form, male or female.

To build strong, safe and inclusive communities;

- The City needs to look at revising Building Codes (working on the language to make it more explicit) to incorporate more unisex washrooms and change rooms;
- The City needs to implement programming plans which allot more time for transgender swimming;
- Inclusivity training should be mandatory for staff at Aquatic & Recreational Centres; and
- The City needs to review and edit City forms for inclusive language.

Drew Dennis and Mehta Brown responded to questions and comments after the presentation and thanked Councillor Stevenson, Councillor Woodsworth, Councillor Reimer, Dana Walker, staff liaison (Social Policy), Will Johnston (Director of Licences & Inspections), and City staff for their support.

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*Following the presentation, a regular scheduled meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was to commence.*

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A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Monday, October 3, 2011, at 6:00 pm, in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Ryan Clayton, Chair  
Jim Deva  
Fatima Jaffer  
Barbara Snelgrove

**ABSENT:** Mette Bach (Leave of Absence)  
Drew Dennis (Leave of Absence)  
Pat Hogan, Co-Chair(Leave of Absence)  
Frank Gillespie  
Karen McVeigh  
Mark Robins (Leave of Absence)  
Steven RodRozen  
Ron Stipp

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dana Walker, Social Policy (Staff Liaison)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Wendy Jao, Meeting Assistant

#### 1. Absence of Quorum

The Meeting Assistant referred to Section 6.3 of the Procedure By-law as follows:

"If, within 30 minutes after a meeting is to start, no quorum is present, the City Clerk must read the roll, record the result in the minutes, and declare the meeting cancelled".

The roll was called, the members present recorded, and the Meeting Assistant declared the meeting cancelled at 6:30 pm.

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