



## LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

June 18, 2015

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, June 18, 2015, at 5:36 pm, in the Business Centre, Second Floor, City Hall.

- PRESENT:**
- Drew Dennis, Co-Chair
  - Rachael Steele, Co-Chair
  - Brendan Bailey
  - Sabina Denton
  - Hélène Frohard-Dourlent\*
  - Rob McDowell
  - Morgane Oger\*
  - Yogi Omar
  - Jen Robertson (via teleconference)
  - Barbara Snelgrove
  - Chase Willier\*
- ABSENT:**
- Bijan Ahmadian (Leave of Absence)
  - Kirsten Anderson (Leave of Absence)
  - Metha Brown (Leave of Absence)
  - Trevor Kramer (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
  - Commissioner Erin Shum, Park Board Liaison
  - Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Volunteer Services, Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Yogi Omar  
SECONDED by Chase Willier

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Bijan Ahmadian, Kirsten Anderson, Metha Brown and Trevor Kramer, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Hélène Frohard-Dourlent absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brendan Bailey  
SECONDED by Morgane Oger

THAT the minutes of the April 23, 2015, meeting be approved.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Hélène Frohard-Dourlent absent for the vote)

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## Vary Agenda

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove  
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

*THAT the Committee vary the agenda to deal with items in the following order: 4, 1, 5(b), 2, 3, 5(a), 5(c), and 6.*

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Hélène Frohard-Dourlent absent for the vote)

*Note: For ease of reference the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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## 1. Presentation - Update on the Heart of Davie Village/Jim Deva Commemoration

John Grottenberg, Planner, Vancouver-Downtown, provided a verbal presentation regarding an update on the Davie Village public space improvements, and options for commemorating Jim Deva. He noted the following:

- Staff are planning to present a report to Council in July, 2015, on this matter;
- The Civic Asset Naming Committee recently passed a recommendation to Council that the new plaza to be created on Bute and Davie Streets, be named Jim Deva Plaza;
- An outdoor museum theme is being considered for the Plaza;
- Next steps will include a report to Council in the Fall of 2015, with detailed costs;
- The Plaza completion date is tentatively scheduled for August 2016.

Mr. Grottenberg responded to questions and agreed to provide a copy of the 2015 report to members when it is available.

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove  
SECONDED by Brendan Bailey

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee supports the staff report around the design concept and implementation of the Bute and Davie Streets Plaza/Jim Deva Plaza.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **2. Discuss and Approve Committee Priorities**

Rachael Steele and Drew Dennis led the discussion regarding the results of the survey members participated in to guide the Committee's work. The Committee selected the following seven topics as their primary priorities and discussed their possible directions:

- Safer Spaces for LGBTQ2+
- Seniors Isolation and Housing
- Housing for Youth, Aboriginals and Over 19 Years
- Policing and Accountability
- Campaign School for LGBTQ2+
- Ongoing Implementation of Trans Inclusion
- Revitalization of Davie Village

## **3. Discuss and Develop Subcommittee Structure**

The Committee formed seven subcommittees, one for each priority listed in Item 2. Members assigned themselves to at least one subcommittee, and a point of contact for each was established. Those listed as the point of contact were asked to reach out to other Committee members who identified interest in the subcommittee. Each subcommittee is scheduled to provide an update on next steps or goals at the July Working Session.

## **4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Following due process, the Committee appointed Drew Dennis and Rachael Steele to serve as Co-Chairs for the 2015-2016 term.

(Hélène Frohard-Dourlent absent for the vote and Jen Robertson ineligible to vote, as the voting was secret ballot and she was participating via teleconference)

## **5. Updates**

### **a) City of Vancouver Facilities Designers Meeting**

Drew Dennis provided an update, on behalf of Metha Brown, on the meeting held with City of Vancouver and School Board Facility Designers in which the work around facility design and signage with Parks and Recreation was shared and discussed. Drew Dennis noted concerns from

the City and School Board staff were expressed around moving away from gendered figures for signage. It was noted that recommendations from the Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee were discussed.

**b) Vancouver Police Department Recommendations to Address Discrimination Against Transgender Persons**

Morgane Oger provided an update on how the Subcommittee for this issue can move forward on the VPD's four recommendations to address discrimination against transgender persons. She noted the timeline for the engagement aspect of the work would be six to twelve months.

**c) Other Updates**

None.

**6. New Business**

**1. Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee**

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, thanked members of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee for initiating the Park Board's Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Working group. The work was recognized with a Legacy City Service Award.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove  
SECONDED by Hélène Frohard-Dourlent

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Chase Willier and Morgane Oger absent for the vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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