



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 23, 2015

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, April 23, 2015, at 5:30 pm, in the Business Centre, Second Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Drew Dennis, Acting Chair  
Bijan Ahmadian  
Kirsten Anderson  
Brendan Bailey  
Metha Brown  
Sabina Denton  
Trevor Kramer  
Morgane Oger  
Yogi Omar  
Jen Roberton  
Barbara Snelgrove  
Rachaal Steele  
Chase Willier

**ABSENT:** Hélène Frohard-Dourlent (Leave of Absence)  
Rob McDowell (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison  
Trustee Patti Bacchus, School Board Liaison  
Commissioner Erin Shum, Park Board Liaison  
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Volunteer Services, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

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*The Meeting Coordinator called the meeting to order.*

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*Chase Willier welcomed members to the Committee and recognized the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish Nations.*

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## Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Drew Dennis

SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for H el ene Frohard-Dourlent and Rob McDowell for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Welcoming

Councillor Stevenson welcomed the members and acknowledged the significance and importance of the Committee.

### 1. Introductions

The meeting commenced with introductions of Committee members and staff through an icebreaker activity.

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*The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with Item 3 prior to item 2. For clarity, the minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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### 3. Committee Orientation - Roles and Relationships

Councillor Stevenson explained the importance of attending all meetings and requesting a leave of absence when attendance is not possible.

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, provided a brief overview on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. He noted all Committee members were invited, and encouraged to attend the information session for Civic Agency members on April 27, 2015.

### 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove

SECONDED by Morgane Oger

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee appoint Drew Dennis as Acting Chair for the remainder of the meeting and for the working session on May 21, 2015.

FURTHER THAT the election of Chair and Vice-Chair take place at the June 18, 2015, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Trevor Kramer abstained from the vote)

*(Section 145.1 of the Vancouver Charter states "Where a member present at a meeting abstains from voting, they are deemed to have voted in the affirmative".)*

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*At this point in the proceedings Drew Dennis assumed the Chair.*

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**4. LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee - 2012-2014 Term Summary**

This item was postponed to the May 21, 2015, Working Session.

**5. Jim Deva Commemoration**

John Grottenberg, Planner, Vancouver-Downtown, provided a verbal presentation on Davie Village public space improvements, and options for commemorating Jim Deva for his many contributions to the community. He noted on April 25 and 27, 2015, open houses will be held to discuss the improvements, including creating a permanent plaza, a mid-block pedestrian crossing and a decorative overhead feature. Mr. Grottenberg informed the Committee of the recommendations received for recognizing Mr. Deva and advised the primary suggestion is to name the permanent plaza at Davie and Bute Streets the Jim Deva Plaza.

The Committee agreed to discuss the option of forming a Subcommittee on this issue at their May 21, 2015, Working Session.

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***Vary Agenda***

***MOVED by Barbara Snelgrove***

***SECONDED by Yogi Omar***

THAT the Committee vary the agenda in order to deal with New Business prior to Item 6.

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY***

*For clarity the Minutes are recorded in numerical order.*

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## 7. New Business

### a) Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Plan

Thien Phan, Social Planner, Social Policy and Projects Division, gave an overview of the Social Policy department. She noted the department is responsible for the social facilities within the Community Plans and drafting the policies required for the Plans. Ms. Phan also provided information on the Healthy City Strategy.

Andrew Pask, Planner, Community Planning, provided a verbal presentation on the Grandview-Woodland Neighbourhood Plan, noting the current status of the plan, engagement tools, upcoming events, and next steps. Mr. Pask discussed potential connections with the Committee for the planning process.

Ms. Phan and Mr. Pask responded to questions.

### b) Vancouver Board of Education Facility Designs

Trustee Patti Bacchus, School Board Liaison, reviewed the School Board's process of revising the LGBTQ policy that was adopted in 2004. She noted updates were made to the "Sexual Orientation and Gender Identities" policy in June 2014.

Ms. Bacchus and the Committee discussed ways in which the schools can further support transgender students. The importance of facility designs was noted, particularly with washrooms, and the need for single use washrooms with appropriate signage. Ms. Bacchus informed the Committee that the Province has agreed to provide funding for the construction of new schools and she wants to ensure that an LGBTQ lens is used when designing the new facilities and information already gathered from the City and Parks on this issue is shared with the School Board. Discussion ensued on how to ensure an LGBTQ lens is applied and information is shared. Ms. Bacchus responded to questions.

## 6. Meeting Schedule for 2015

MOVED by Trevor Kramer  
SECONDED by Rachaal Steele

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the following schedule of meetings and working sessions:

Date - All Thursdays		Meeting Room
April 23 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall)
May 21 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
June 18 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall)
July 16 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
September 24 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall)
October 15 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)
November 26 - 5:30 pm	Regular Meeting	Business Centre Meeting Room (2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall)
December 10 - 5:30 pm	Working Session	(not a public meeting)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Adjournment

MOVED by Bijan Ahmadian  
SECONDED by Kirsten Anderson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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