



## LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 5:40 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:**
- Rachaal Steele, Co-Chair
  - Kirsten Anderson
  - Drew Dennis, Co-Chair
  - Sabina Denton
  - Hélène Frohard-Dourlent
  - Trevor Kramer\*
  - Rob McDowell
  - Morgane Oger\*
  - Yogi Omar
  - Jenn Robertson
  - Chase Willier\*
- ABSENT:**
- Bijan Ahmadian (Sick Leave)
  - Brendan Bailey (Leave of Absence)
  - Metha Brown (Leave of Absence)
  - Barbara Snelgrove (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:**
- Councillor Tim Stevenson, City of Vancouver
  - Commissioner Erin Shum, Vancouver Park Board
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Morgane Oger  
SECONDED by Yogi Omar

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve Leaves of Absence for Brendan Bailey, Metha Brown and Barbara Snelgrove for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Sabina Denton  
SECONDED by Drew Dennis

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting held June 18, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **VARY AGENDA**

MOVED by Drew Dennis

SECONDED by Rachaal Steele

THAT the LGBTQ+ Advisory Committee revise the agenda to add Policing and make it the first item of business under Item 2, as follows:

2. Subcommittee Report
  - a) Policing
  - b) Campaign School
  - c) Youth Homelessness
  - d) Trans Inclusion

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND  
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

### **1. Presentation - Update on the Jim Deva Plaza**

John Grottenberg, Planning and Development Services, provided an update on the Jim Deva Plaza project, noting next steps include a report back to Council this Fall on detailed design, funding and an implementation plan. He also noted staff will be seeking the Committee's feedback on the long-term vision for the space. Mr. Grottenberg, along with Hayley Rowlands, Engineering Services, responded to questions.

Following staff's update, the Committee had a brief discussion on providing feedback and it was suggested a member participate on the Steering Committee for the Stewardship Strategy. It was also suggested a community driven or higher consultation be pursued around the archway piece through the Davie Village Revitalisation Sub-committee. Councillor Stevenson will liaise with staff.

### **2. Subcommittee Report**

#### **a) Policing**

Morgane Oger provided an update and summarized a recent meeting with Inspector Mario Giardini, Diversity and Aboriginal Policing Unit, VPD, on strategies to reduce barriers in the transgender community and responded to questions.

The Committee discussed competence training for VPD members and it was suggested Morgane liaise with QMUNITY as the organization facilitates workshops in queer competency training.

**b) Campaign School**

Rachael Steele provided an update and encouraged members to attend the V-RES Candidate Meet and Greet on September 30, 2015, from 6 to 9 pm, at the Tavern in Yaletown. She will send an invitation to members.

*Note: Subsequently this event was postponed - new date to be determined.*

**c) Youth Homelessness**

Jen Robertson provided an update on shelter issues and the homeless count and responded to questions.

**d) Trans Inclusion**

Drew Dennis submitted a written report entitled "Trans Inclusion Sub-Committee I Report Sept 2015" (*distributed - on file*).

**3. Review Committee Work Plan Template**

Drew Dennis sought the Committee's feedback on a draft work plan and suggested revisions be completed at the October working session for approval at the November meeting. Drew also suggested Sub-Committee Chairs identify a maximum of three goals to pursue in 2016.

In addition to the draft work plan, Drew also referred to a planning worksheet.

**4. Facebook Page**

The Co-Chairs announced that Corporate Communications has set up a new Facebook Page for the Committee. Sabina Denton, Trevor Kramer and Yogi Omar volunteered to manage the page.

**5. New Business**

**a) Park Board Liaison Report**

Commissioner Shum provided a brief report as follows:

- Americas Masters Games are coming to Vancouver in 2016; members are encouraged to participate;
- relocation of the Love Locks sculpture is still open for feedback;
- Park Board will be holding a Town Hall meeting soon; to be finalized early October;
- recreation fees will be increasing;
- Home and Away art sculpture will return to the Park Board for a final decision, following public consultation; and
- Killarney Senior's Centre has been approved.

Commissioner Shum responded to questions and agreed to consult with the Park Board on trans-competency inclusion in the new Killarney Senior's Centre.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Yogi Omar  
SECONDED by Jen Robertson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

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

**Next Meetings:**

**Working Session**

DATE: Thursday, October 15, 2015  
TIME: 4:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

**Regular Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 26, 2015  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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