



## LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

MARCH 31, 2016

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 31, 2016, at 5:36 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Rachaal Steele, Co-Chair  
Bijan Ahmadian\*  
Kirsten Anderson  
Brendan Bailey  
Metha Brown  
Hélène Frohard-Dourlent\*  
Sabina Denton  
Trevor Kramer\*  
Morgane Oger\*  
Yogi Omar  
Jen Roberton  
Barb Snelgrove  
Chase Willier

**ABSENT:** Rob McDowell

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison  
Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk  
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator,  
Access & Volunteer Services, Staff Liaison  
Krisztina Kassay and Neal Peacocke, VIVA Vancouver

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Donald Kinloch, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Rachaal Steele  
SECONDED by Kirsten Anderson

THAT the order of the agenda be varied to deal with Item 2 as the first order of business.

CARRIED  
(Trevor Kramer opposed)

*Note: For ease of reference, the agenda items are minuted in numerical order.*

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

There were no leave of absence requests.

## **Approval of Minutes**

MOVED by Jen Robertson  
SECONDED by Brendan Bailey

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meetings January 28, 2016 as distributed

CARRIED  
(Trevor Kramer absent for the vote)

### **1. Election of Co-Chair**

The Committee discussed the process of the election of Co-Chair. It was decided that further conversation was necessary before election of a Co-Chair would proceed.

The Committee decided to change the date of their next working group meeting to accommodate further discussion on the election of a Co-Chair and to also accommodate the current Co-Chair's schedule.

MOVED by Sabina Denton  
SECONDED by Barb Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Committee change their next working group meeting date from April 28, 2016 to May 5, 2016.

CARRIED  
(Trevor Kramer absent for the vote)

### **2. Roles and Relationships, Information Sharing, Code of Conduct**

Janice MacKenzie, City Clerk, spoke to the Committee and answered questions regarding roles, information sharing and the Code of Conduct for Advisory Committees.

### **3. 800 Block Robson Street Update**

Krisztina Kassay and Neal Peacocke, VIVA Vancouver, presented the concept of VIVA Vancouver's 2016 800 Block Robson Street "Redux" summertime closures.

**4. Day of Pink Update**

Morgane Oger provided an update on the Day of Pink.

**5. Subcommittee Reports and Updates**

**a) Davie Village/Jim Deva Plaza**

Barb Snelgrove provided an update on the Davie Village/Jim Deva Plaza.

**b) Policing and Accountability**

Metha Brown provided an update on Policing.

**c) Youth Homelessness and Social Services**

Jen Robertson provided an update on Youth Homelessness and Social Services.

**6. New Business**

**a) Sexual and Gender Minority Youth in Schools**

MOVED by Brendan Bailey  
SECONDED by Barb Snelgrove

**WHEREAS**

1. The Egale Canada Trust reported in 2011 in *The National Climate Survey on Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Canadian Schools* reports that LGBTQ youth face greater prejudice and victimization in their schools and a correspondingly lower level of school connectedness than their non-LGBTQ peers;
2. The City of Vancouver is strongly committed to supporting the equality and human rights of the LGBTQ2+ communities and all residents, and to ending homophobia and transphobia in all forms;
3. Vancouver District Students' Council called on the government in 2012 to implement a province-wide sexual orientation and gender identity policy, instill values of equity and equality at the earliest ages and survey youth at the provincial level to locate direct solutions to direct problems;
4. The Vancouver Board of Education was the first school district in BC to adopt discrete Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity policy in 2004 and revised it in 2014 to provide explicitly protections for trans\* students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee encourages Mayor and Council to lend its support of the BC Select Standing

Committee on Children and Youth's Report, Child and Youth Mental Health in British Columbia (Concrete Actions for Systemic Change) to the Minister of Education. Specifically, that the City of Vancouver strongly endorses Recommendation 21: "Require school districts to support sexual and gender minority youth in schools through general and targeted programs to address child and youth mental health issues".

CARRIED

(Hélène Frohard-Dourlent, Bijan Ahmadian, Trevor Kramer and Morgane Oger absent at vote)

**b) ActiveNet Park Board Registration System**

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, provided an update on the Park Board registration system "ActiveNet".

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Yogi Omar

SECONDED by Chase Willier

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Bijan Ahmadian, Hélène Frohard-Dourlent, Trevor Kramer and Morgane Oger absent at vote)

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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