



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

MAY 4, 2017

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on May 4, 2017, at 5:32 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

- PRESENT:** Kirsten Anderson, Acting Co-Chair
Yogi Omar, Acting Co-Chair
Carolyn Camman
Jen Donovan
Brooklyn Fowler
Rob Higgins
Jutta Kolhi
Rob McDowell
Bonnie O'Sullivan
Linnea Strom*
- ABSENT:** Brendan Bailey (Leave of Absence)
Andy Holmes (Leave of Absence)
David C. Jones (Leave of Absence)
Chase Willier (Leave of Absence)
Catherine Wong (Leave of Absence)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
Patty Bacchus, Special Representative
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Volunteer Services, Staff Liaison
- CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

*Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Yogi Omar
SECONDED by Rob Higgins

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Brendan Bailey, Andy Holmes, David C. Jones, Chase Willier, and Catherine Wong for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Linnea Strom absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Carolyn Camman
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of March 2, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Linnea Strom absent for the vote)

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MOVED by Jen Donovan
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to hear item 4 before item 3.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Linnea Strom absent for the vote)

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

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1. Update on Recommendations related to Trans*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion

Anne Nickerson, Director, Equal Employment Opportunity Program, provided an update on the Trans*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion Recommendations and sub-recommendations (copy on file), and along with, Paul Fazekas, Project Manager, Facilities Management and Metha Brown, Social Planner, Cultural Services, responded to questions. An update to Council is expected mid-July 2017.

2. Committee Liaison Updates

Councillor Stevenson provided an update on his recent trip for the 100th Anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. His time there included visits to many battlefields and graveyards and placing a wreath in honour of the LGBT soldiers that were lost in the war.

Paul Czene, staff liaison, provided an update on part time staff positions at the Park Board. The Park Board received approval from the BC Human Rights Tribunal to hire two transgender staff for two part time positions. The duration of the approval is until December 31, 2018. The Park Board is in the process of shortlisting the number of applicants to six; interviews and hiring will be completed by the end of May. The two new staff will be involved with recreation staff awareness training on TGV2S issues, outreach to the Two-Spirit community in coordination with the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, and engaging with transgender communities.

Mr. Czene also provided up an update on washroom signage in community centres noting single occupant washrooms will have signage updated in September.

3. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs

MOVED by Jutta Kolhi

SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee appoint Kirsten Anderson and Yogi Omar to continue as Acting Co-Chairs until the election of Co-Chairs takes place on July 6, 2017.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Community Discussion

The Committee discussed issues of concern around the upcoming Pride Parade.

MOVED by Carolyn Camman

SECONDED by Brooklyn Fowler

Whereas our diverse stakeholder groups have expressed confusion and concerns about the Vancouver Police Department participation in the Pride Parade,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee requests from the Mayor that the City of Vancouver publicly clarify its role.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. Sub-Committees and Annual Work Plan

The following Sub-Committees were created at the working session held on April 6, 2017:

- Davie Street Revitalization
- Housing
- Older Adults (formerly Seniors)
- Policing
- Reconciliation/Two-Spirit
- Research on Reparative Therapy
- Youth

Each of the Sub-Committees presented objectives they would like to focus on for the remainder of the term. After some discussion, the Committee agreed that the following themes be included on the Committee's work plan for 2017-2018:

- Information gathering
- Continued building of relationships through engagements with stakeholders
- Increasing visibility and inclusivity of the LGBTQ2+ community in Vancouver
- Second Phase of the Davie Street Revitalization Project

The Committee agreed that the lead person for each Sub-Committee will send their Sub-Committee suggestions to be included in the Committee Work Plan to the Acting Co-Chairs by May 15, 2017, in order to meet the May 19, 2017, submission deadline.

6. New Business

None.

Adjournment

MOVED by Yogi Omar
SECONDED by Linnea Strom

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
2nd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 6, 2017
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Committee Room #1
3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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