



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

JULY 6, 2017

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 6, 2017, at 5:36 pm, in Committee Room #1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Brendan Bailey, Co-Chair  
Jen Donovan, Co-Chair  
Kirsten Anderson  
Brooklyn Fowler (via conference phone)  
Rob Higgins  
Andy Holmes  
David C. Jones  
Jutta Kolhi  
Rob McDowell  
Yogi Omar  
Chase Willier

**ABSENT:** Carolyn Camman (Leave of Absence)  
Linnea Strom (Leave of Absence)  
Catherine Wong (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison  
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

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*Acting Chairs Kirsten Anderson and Yogi Omar called the meeting to order.*

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**Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Jen Donovan  
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Carolyn Camman, Linnea Strom and Catherine Wong for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Yogi Omar  
SECONDED by Brendan Bailey

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2017, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 1. 2018 Election

Paul Hendren, Election Outreach Lead, provided an overview on outreach activities for the 2018 civic election and sought the Committee's input on ways to help identify barriers to voting that is specific to the LGBTQ2+ Community. Mr. Hendren also lead a brainstorming session to generate ideas for outreach activities the City can use in 2018, and responded to questions.

In discussion, points raised included:

- apathy of the younger generation regarding voting (all levels of government)
  - more education on the importance of voting;
  - need to demonstrate how "your vote counts";
  - consequences of not voting;
  - target issues that affect and motivate youth; and
  - more engagement eg: voting dance party, social media;
- add more polling stations especially in areas where mobility may be an issue;
- voter ID issues eg: may look different than picture on ID;
- give permanent residents the right to vote;
- more outreach and help for new citizens that will be voting for the first time;
- improved directional signs to locate a polling station and not just have a sign at the voting station;
- make it easy to access a polling station such as at shopping malls eg: Pacific Centre;
- Two Spirit First Nation community interested in many issues that are governed on the provincial and federal level and therefore perceive governance at the municipal level "doesn't affect me";
- the ballot is intimidating with many to vote for and numerous plebiscite questions as well;
- more information about candidates and each party should be provided in a hard copy of the voter guide as not everyone is on social media to look up the information online;
- posters used during the 2014 election were too generic, busy and boring with some posters lacking a connection to the target group eg: Multicultural and DTES posters did not seem representative of the target audience;
- in the DTES, provide incentives for people to vote and increase community engagement; and
- have maps that show voter turnout from the previous election; may encourage voters to get out and vote if they see low voter turnout in their neighbourhood.

## 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair or Co-Chairs

Following due process, the Committee moved the following:

MOVED by David C. Jones  
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee appoint Brendan Bailey and Jen Donovan to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee for the term ending November 4, 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the meeting, Brendan Bailey and Jen Donovan assumed the chair.*

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## 3. Committee Liaison Updates:

Paul Czene, staff liaison, provided an update on the hiring of two part time staff at the Park Board that will be involved with recreation staff awareness training on Trans\*, Gender Variant and Two Spirit issues, programming, and updating program guides with better stock photos representing the LGBTQ2+ community.

Councillor Stevenson provided an update on his meeting with the Police Chief who recommended Detective Dale Quiring to be the Police Liaison to the Committee during clerked meetings.

## 4. Sub-committee Updates

- a) Davie Village Revitalization - No updates.
- b) Housing - No updates.
- c) Older Adults - Stakeholders meeting will take place on July 11, 2017.
- d) Policing - No updates.
- e) Reconciliation/Two-Spirit - Chase Willier provided a brief update on the Queer Arts Festival that was held in June, and has been working with the Urban Aboriginal Peoples Advisory Committee and providing updates to their committee. Work on developing a questionnaire is underway.
- f) Research on Reparative Therapy - Yogi Omar provided a brief update and the sub-committee is working on having a motion at the next clerked meeting.
- g) Youth - No updates.

5. **New Business**

a) **Vancouver Pride Week - July 31 to August 6**

- Invitation to the official launch of Vancouver Pride week on Monday, July 31, 2017, at the Jim Deva Plaza will be sent to members.
- Invitation to walk in the upcoming Pride Parade on Sunday, August 6, 2017, will be sent to members.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Yogi Omar

SECONDED by Kirsten Anderson

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, September 7, 2017  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Committee Room #1  
3rd Floor, Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:28 pm.

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