



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 8, 2018

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 5:33 pm, in the Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Brendan Bailey, Co-Chair
Jen Donovan, Co-Chair
Kirsten Anderson
Brooklyn Fowler
Andy Holmes
Jutta Kolhi
Rob McDowell
Linnea Strom
Chase Willier

ABSENT: Carolyn Camman (Sick Leave)
David C. Jones (Leave of Absence)
Sylvia Machat (Leave of Absence)
Yogi Omar (Sick Leave)
Catherine Wong

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison
Trustee Carrie Bercic, School Board Liaison
Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

Jen Donovan, Co-Chair, acknowledged that we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations and we give thanks for their generosity and hospitality on these lands.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Kirsten Anderson
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for David C. Jones and Sylvia Machat.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Linnea Strom
SECONDED by Jutta Kolhi

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of February 8, 2018, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Liaison and Staff Updates

Councillor Tim Stevenson, Council Liaison, provided an update on the three recommendations the Committee approved in November and will follow up with the City Manager. He also touched upon recent news of high school students' proposal for a rainbow crosswalk that was rejected by city council in Merritt.

Trustee Carrie Bercic, School Board Liaison, provided an update on some of the work the Diversity Committee at the Vancouver School Board has been working on including updating the database of student information to include identifying students outside of the gender binary, and the creation of a one page document reinforcing the policy on the use of universal washrooms in schools. She also advised the terms of reference for the Diversity Committee are under review and will be updated.

Constable Dale Quiring, Vancouver Police Liaison, provided an update on ongoing work including training, and change in management. He also clarified the difference between a crime incident and a hate crime.

2. Older Adults Motion Approval

Rob McDowell and Kirsten Anderson presented the motion by the Old Adults Sub-Committee to establish an LGBTQ2+ Archive Strategy for Vancouver.

MOVED by Rob McDowell
SECONDED by Brooklyn Fowler

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver is committed to diversity;
2. The City of Vancouver seeks to protect the culture and history of its inhabitants;
3. The City of Vancouver maintains the City Archives, which hold the early stories of Vancouverites;
4. The LGBTQ2+ community in Vancouver is aging, and some LGBTQ2+ residents are approaching the end of their lifespans, many without knowledge as to how possible artifacts or material from the early days of the gay liberation movement might be retained;

5. The history and artifacts of early LGBTQ2+ residents in Vancouver are not always conventional material or publications;
6. Many LGBTQ2+ pioneers do not have descendants who might otherwise inherit their stories and historical material;
7. The City of Vancouver Archives currently only has two *fonds* (collections) from early LGBTQ2+ residents which does not capture the breadth of the community's history;
8. The City of Vancouver has plans to establish a new Qmunity space in the Davie Village neighbourhood;
9. The City of Vancouver maintains a 3-1-1 service to respond to residents when they have questions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee recommends that Council provide City resources and support for undertaking an LGBTQ2+ Archival Strategy in order to “save our stories”, which will include:

- An inventory of existing archives which accept LGBTQ2+ material (including the Vancouver Archives, SFU, UBC, and the privately held BC Gay and Lesbian Archives, and others);
- A promotional strategy to utilize the existing City of Vancouver communications assets;
- Inclusion of such information for training for 3-1-1 staff;
- The inclusion of archives in the planned Qmunity space; and
- Other opportunities to ensure that Vancouver LGBTQ2+ residents' stories are retained for posterity.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Sub-committee Updates

Chase Willier provided an update on the joint meeting with the Urban Indigenous Peoples' Advisory Committee that was held on March 5, 2018. The meeting went very well and included updates on the Downtown Eastside Health and Wellness Study, and the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry (MMIWG).

Davie Street Revitalization Sub-committee – Brendan Bailey provided an update on funding available through the West End BIA for events held in the Jim Deva Plaza. More information on how to apply can be found on the West End BIA website:

<http://westendbia.com/neighbourhood/jim-deva-plaza/>

4. New Business

None

Adjournment

MOVED by Andy Holmes
SECONDED by Brendan Bailey

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Next Working Session Meeting:

DATE: April 12, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Next Regular Meeting:

DATE: May 10, 2018
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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