



## 2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

**MARCH 5, 2020**

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on March 5, 2020, at 5:36 pm, in the Cascadia Meeting Room, Third Floor, City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair  
Tribesty Nguyen, Co-Chair  
Raj Alamchandani  
Olivia Bing  
Kyle Demes  
Eddy Elmer  
Stephanie Goodwin  
Jutta Kolhi  
Sylvia Machat\*  
Rob McDowell\*  
Linnea Strom  
Aisha Tejani\*

**ABSENT:** Shawnessy Luke (Leave of Absence)  
Nazanin Moghadami (Leave of Absence – participation via teleconference)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison  
Trustee Oliver Hanson, School Board Liaison  
Paul Czene, Coordinator, Parks and Recreations, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Bonnie Kennett, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

### WELCOME

Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler  
SECONDED by Linnea Strom

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of January 23, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **Leave of Absence Requests**

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler  
SECONDED by Linnea Strom

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Shawnessy Luke and Nazanin Moghadami for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **1. 2020 Election of Co-Chairs**

Following due process, the Committee moved the following:

MOVED by Linnea Strom  
SECONDED by Kyle Demes

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee appoint Brooklyn Fowler and Tribesty Nguyen to serve as Co-Chairs of the Committee for the term ending December 31, 2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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*At this point in the meeting, Brooklyn and Tribesty assumed the roles of Co-Chair.*

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### **2. Good Night Out Vancouver**

Stacey Forrester, Co-Founder, Good Night Out Vancouver, provided a brief overview of what they do and how they help raise awareness about sexual harassment and assault on nights out and responded to questions. Their Street Team program helps foster a safer environment for club- and bar-goers in the Granville Entertainment District on the weekends. Good Night Out also provides a range of services for the nightlife economy such workshops and training.

More information can be found on their website: <https://www.goodnightoutvancouver.com/>

### **3. Street Saviours Outreach Society**

Amanda and Bobby of the Street Saviours Outreach Society provided a brief overview of the services their volunteers provide such as street patrols in the Downtown Eastside, outreach with the community and offering food, harm reduction gear, overdose and first aid response. They also responded to questions.

More information can be found on their facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/VancouverStreetSaviours/>

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*MOVED by Stephanie Goodwin*  
*SECONDED by Linnea Strom*

*THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 5 next.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*Note: For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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## **5. Visit from Councillor Kirby-Yung**

Councillor Kirby-Yung, Council Liaison, Racial and Ethno-Cultural Equity Advisory Committee (RECE), spoke to the Committee regarding anti-hate strategies and extended an invitation to the Committee to work with RECE on an anti-hate strategy and initiatives.

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*MOVED by Stephanie Goodwin*  
*SECONDED by Kyle Demes*

*THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with item 7 next.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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## **7. Liaison Updates**

Councillor Dominato, Council Liaison, provided a brief update on the approval of the Committee's name to 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, the upcoming update on the Vancouver Plan which is a long-term plan for the City and the importance of providing feedback to the Plan.

## **4. Summary of Recent Activities**

Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair provided a brief update on a series of events that took place when they spoke to Council on behalf of the Committee regarding the Report dated February 14, 2020, entitled "2020 Community Services and Other Social Grants".

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to send out a copy of the City's Code of Conduct Policy to all members.

MOVED by Kyle Demes  
SECONDED by Stephanie Goodwin

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee draft a letter regarding statements made in Council Chamber at the February 26, 2020, Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting, with respect to the Report dated February 14, 2020, entitled, "2020 Community Services and Other Social Grants".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## 6. Street Lighting Motion

Eddy Elmer lead the discussion on the draft motion entitled "Improving Street Lighting in Vancouver". Councillor Dominato, Council Liaison, agreed to request information from Engineering staff regarding street and sidewalk lighting. The Public Safety Subcommittee agreed to bring back the motion for consideration at the Committee's meeting in May.

## 8. Subcommittee Updates

**Public Safety** - Eddy Elmer provided an update which included discussions on the use and effectiveness of the VPD Safe Place Program and identified barriers in reporting hate crimes and incidents to the Police. Eddy agreed to connect with Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison. Discussions regarding a community public safety forum in collaboration with a local social service agency are ongoing.

**Aging & Intergenerational** - Eddy Elmer provided an update which included a meeting with Dr. Atiya Mahood of the SFU Department of Gerontology to discuss the progress of programs focusing on social connections: 1) "Hey Neighbour" (focus on high-rise buildings) and 2) United Way program "Hi Neighbour" (focus on neighbourhoods). The Subcommittee is advocating for one of these programs to be piloted in an area with a larger population of 2SLGBTQ+ seniors. The Subcommittee also discussed meeting with PrimeTimers to learn more about their aging-related priorities and concerns, working with Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison, on the newly funded VPD ElderPride program (a program which aims to build relationships between police and queer seniors), and continuing work on the inclusive housing checklist.

## 9. New Business

### a) Transgender Housing Project

Eddy Elmer updated the Committee on the recent purchase of a heritage home by the City of Vancouver to be used as housing for transgender individuals. More information can be found here: <https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/heritage-house-to-provide-homes-for-transgender-people-facing-homelessness>

**b) Anti-Hate Subcommittee**

MOVED by Kyle Demes  
SECONDED by Aisha Tejani

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee create an Anti-Hate Subcommittee.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Sylvia Machat and Rob McDowell absent for the vote)

Kyle Demes, Jutta Kolhi, Tribesty Nguyen, Linnea Strom and Aisha Tejani expressed interest in joining the Subcommittee.

**c) Facebook**

Linnea Strom provided a brief update on the status of the Committee's Facebook page including an update to the Committee's name and encouraged members to forward information such as upcoming events to post to the page to keep it current.

Link to 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2slgbtq-Advisory-Committee-City-of-Vancouver-498421153529233/>

**d) Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access Without Fear Motion**

Nazanin Moghadami updated the Committee on a motion coming forward at the March 10, 2020, Council meeting regarding safe access for all to all City services.

MOVED by Raj Alamchandani  
SECONDED by Aisha Tejani

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee write a letter of support for the motion on the March 10, 2020, Council agenda entitled "Safety for Residents with Precarious Status: Delivering Access Without Fear";

FURTHER THAT Tribesty Nguyen, Co-Chair, will submit a request to speak to the motion at the March 10, 2020, Council meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Sylvia Machat and Rob McDowell absent for the vote)

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Kyle Demes  
SECONDED by Brooklyn Fowler

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Sylvia Machat, Rob McDowell and Aisha Tejani absent for the vote)

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: May 7, 2020  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room  
Second Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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