



## 2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2021

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 5:36 pm, by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair  
Tribesty Nguyen, Co-Chair  
Raj Alamchandani\*  
Eddy Elmer  
Jutta Kolhi  
Rob McDowell  
Nazanin Moghadami

**ABSENT:** Stephanie Goodwin, Leave of Absence  
Sylvia Machat, Leave of Absence  
Linnea Strom  
Chase Willier, Leave of Absence

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison  
Commissioner Dave Demers, Park Board Liaison  
Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison  
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Inclusion,  
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.

#### 1. Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Rob McDowell  
SECONDED by Nazanin Moghadami

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Stephanie Goodwin, Sylvia Machat and Chase Willier.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Raj Alamchandani absent for the vote)

## **2. Approval of Minutes – November 26, 2020**

MOVED by Eddy Elmer  
SECONDED by Jutta Kolhi

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, November 26, 2020, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Raj Alamchandani absent for the vote)

## **3. 2019/2020 Report of Activities and Future Priorities**

The Co-Chairs, discussed the report of activities for the 2019/2020 term. The report of activities covered the Committee's priorities, accomplishments and future goals, including:

### Priorities

- Public Safety and Accessibility
- Inclusion
- Outreach and Education Awareness

### Accomplishments

- Motions on facilitating reporting of hate crimes and hate incidents
- Motions on safe and accessible infrastructure (increased lighting, more safe and accessible washrooms, and improved safety and inclusion in the Jim Deva Plaza)
- Relationship building and community liaising (e.g. queer seniors)

### Future Goals

- Proactive inclusion of non-dominant voices and people who have been historically excluded
- Continuation and follow up of previous motions, safe and accessible infrastructure and hate crime and incident reporting
- Continued work on education, awareness and outreach on 2SLGBTQ+ issues with the City

## **4. Hate Crimes Reporting**

In response to the Hate Crime / Incident Reporting Motion approved by the Committee at its meeting on September 17, 2020, representatives from the Vancouver Police Department were invited to the meeting to discuss the above-noted motion. Inspector Susanne Muir, Sergeant Val Spicer, Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison, and Detective Constable Jacqueline Abbott, all from the Vancouver Police Department, reviewed the motion and responded to questions.

Link to the September 17, 2020, motion online:  
<https://vancouver.ca/docs/council/lgbt20200917min.pdf#page=6>

The Meeting Coordinator agreed to circulate VPD contact information to the Committee.

## **5. Anti-Oppression/Sensitivity Training for Councillors**

Tribesty Nguyen, Co-Chair, and Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison, provided brief updates on the topic of anti-oppression / sensitivity training which included discussion on planning next steps. Councillor Bligh agreed to continue the conversation amongst Councillors and would provide updates to the Committee when available.

## **6. Liaison Updates**

Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison, provided a brief update which included follow up with the Jim Deva Plaza motion, anti-oppression and sensitivity training, and the street lighting motion going forward at the Standing Committee meeting on January 20, 2021.

Commissioner Demers, Park Board Liaison, provided a brief update on the appointment of Donnie Rosa as the General Manager of Parks and Recreation.

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, provided a brief update on the recent hiring of Larkin Chen, Trans, Gender Diverse and Two-Spirit Inclusion Facilitator, who will be working on staff training modules online, and also provided an update on the Washroom Strategy that was passed in November 2020.

Councillor Kirby-Yung was also in attendance and provided brief comments of support regarding the concerns around hate crimes / incident reporting.

## **7. Subcommittee and other Member Updates**

Eddy Elmer provided a brief update from the Aging and Intergenerational Subcommittee which included ongoing work on the Inclusive Housing Checklist.

Nazanin Moghadami enquired about current vacancies on the Committee and when upcoming nominations to apply / reapply would be happening. Councillor Bligh provided a brief update on upcoming nominations which would hopefully be happening in the Spring.

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler  
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee assign Eddy Elmer to speak on behalf of the Committee at the Standing Committee on City Finance and Services meeting on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, regarding the Committee's motion entitled "Improving Street Lighting in Vancouver".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **8. New Business**

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, updated the Committee on the Park Board bringing back a trans swim at Templeton Park Pool in the Spring. Details regarding timing, registration process and keeping the pool a safe space were also discussed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Jutta Kolhi  
SECONDED by Rob McDowell

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, March 18, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: WebEx Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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