



## 2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

September 21, 2023

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:38 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair  
Saif Al Shamaa  
Tara Fraser  
Hana Hata  
Ilaine Marjoribanks\*  
Chris Morrissey  
Taylor Scott  
Michael Yus

**ABSENT:** Mathew Fleury (Leave of Absence)  
Nathalie Adriana Funes Serna  
Bradley Sarandi  
Viplav Subramanian (Leave of Absence)

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Co-Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded homelands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Peoples. We thank them for having cared for this land and look forward to working with them in partnership as we continue to build this great city together.

### Modified Procedures

At this point in the meeting, it was

MOVED by Chris Morrissey  
SECONDED by Hana Hata

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the *Procedure By-law* in order to allow modified decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Mathew Fleury and Viplav Subramanian for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

\* \* \* \* \*

*At this point in the meeting the Committee agreed to vary the agenda to deal with Item 1, prior to adoption of minutes.*

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

\* \* \* \* \*

## Approval of Minutes

At this point in the proceedings, the following was put on the floor:

THAT the following notes from the July 20, 2023, 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee, be added to the record:

### *Staff Presentation: West End Commercial Streets—Davie Village*

Committee members discussed the need for the following:

- ensuring that Davie Village is a focus of the City's place-making initiatives
- keeping the Village active after St. Paul's Hospital is relocated
- improving the visual expression of the Village (e.g., creative lighting, multilingual signage, easy-to-read historical markers, and artwork by 2SLGBTQ+ residents)
- encouraging businesses and organizations to activate their street-fronts
- adding comfortable and inviting street furniture that is protected from the elements
- expanding the range of affordable events, meeting spaces, and social venues to appeal to more diverse communities, including new immigrants
- holding more pop-up events (e.g., queer book exchanges)
- ensuring that people with intersecting identities are more actively consulted about the future of the Village.

### *Staff Presentation: TGD2S+ Housing and Services*

Committee members discussed the following:

- the need for consultation with representatives of diverse immigrant communities and asylum seekers (e.g., Rainbow Refugee)
- ensuring safety for transgender individuals with precarious immigration status
- addressing barriers such as language issues, accessibility, and childcare
- ensuring transgender individuals have more opportunities for leadership positions within housing and social service organizations;

FURTHER THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 20, 2023, as amended.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

**1. Staff Presentation - Commemoration Framework**

Staff from Arts, Culture and Community Services provided a presentation on the Commemoration Framework and responded to questions from Committee members, and received feedback.

\* \* \* \* \*

*The Committee recessed from 6:23 pm to 6:32 pm.*

\* \* \* \* \*

**2. Minutes Review**

The item was dealt with during the Approval of Minutes section above.

**3. Time Limits at Council and Committee Meetings**

At this point in the proceedings, the following was put on the floor:

WHEREAS

1. Each Advisory Committee is established by Council to provide input on issues arising from the Committee's mandate;
2. Advisory Committees deliberate extensively on issues deemed important by their constituents;
3. Historically, presentations to Council by a single advisory committee representative have been allotted five minutes to the speaker with additional times for Councillors to ask questions; and
4. Historically, presentations to Council by groups with four or more members in attendance have been allotted eight minutes to speak, with additional time for Councillors to ask clarification questions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee ask Council to consider allotting five minutes for each Advisory Committee when a single member is in attendance to present at Council meetings and Standing Committee meetings;

FURTHER THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee ask Council to consider allotting eight minutes for each Advisory Committee with four members in attendance to present at Council meetings and Standing Committee meetings;

AND FURTHER THAT Council consider allowing up to 10 additional minutes for Councillors to ask clarification questions of the Committee's speaker.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

#### **4. External Liaisons**

At this point in the proceedings, the following was put on the floor:

THAT the City of Vancouver's 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee request that External Liaisons from the Vancouver Park Board, Vancouver Public Library, Vancouver School Board, and Vancouver Police Department be invited to engage in any or all of the following:

- a. act as a point of contact for the Committee when seeking information;
- b. provide email updates on matters that may be relevant to the Committee;
- c. attend and participate in meetings virtually or in-person.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

#### **5. Liaison Updates**

None.

#### **6. Work Plan Discussion**

At this point in the proceedings, the following was put on the floor:

THAT City of Vancouver's 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee establish the following three subcommittees:

1. Aging and Housing (prospective topics: intergenerational programming; social isolation and loneliness; age-friendly recreational spaces; seniors-specific housing; inclusive housing checklist; advancing recommendations from TGD2S+ Housing Report; assisting new Seniors Planner with mandate);
2. Safety and Well-Being (prospective topics: safety in public spaces; UN Safe Spaces Initiative; safety-related infrastructure; inclusive services and housing for sex workers; people living with HIV; people at risk for interpersonal violence; supporting vulnerable residents during climate-related emergencies like heat domes);
3. 2SLGBTQ+ Spaces and Place-Making (prospective topics: preserving cultural and historical spaces; revitalizing Davie Village and other 2SLGBTQ+ areas; encouraging 2SLGBTQ+ public art; supporting queer businesses; reviewing Park

Board procurement policy; working with Greater Vancouver Board of Trade, West End Business Improvement Association, and other business associations to create and improve 2SLGBTQ+ spaces).

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

**7. New Business**

**1. Items for Future Committee Meetings**

The committee discussed potential agenda items for upcoming Committee meetings.

**ADJOURNMENT**

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 23, 2023  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Cascadia Room, Third Floor, City Hall  
/ Webex Online

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

\* \* \* \* \*