



2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 14, 2026

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 5:34 pm, in Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair
Hana Chisako Acorn
Robert Hadley, Vice-Chair
Rick Hurlbut
Tristan Lai*
Stephen Menon
Ash Rich

ABSENT:

Saif Al Shamaa
Tara Fraser, Co-Chair (Leave of Absence)
Bradley Sarandi (Leave of Absence)
Khoa Vo

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison
Constable Kat Dauncey, Vancouver Police
Department Liaison
Emily Gow, Vancouver Public Library Representative
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

WELCOME

The Co-Chair acknowledged that 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

MOVED by Robert Hadley
SECONDED by Rick Hurlbut

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee suspend the rule of section 15.13 of the

Procedure By-law in order to allow for modified decision-making methods during the meeting.

CARRIED AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY
(Stephen Menon opposed)
(Tristan Lai absent for the vote)

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve a leave of absence for Tara Fraser and Bradley Sarandi for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
(Tristan Lai absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

Following discussion, the resolution below was put on the floor:

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 12, 2026, as circulated;

FURTHER THAT the Committee submit Supplementary Notes for this item to administrative staff, to be appended to the Minutes of the July 16, 2026, meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

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Vary Agenda

THAT the Committee vary the order of the agenda to consider New Business Item a) City Inspections of Clubs and Bars, prior to considering Item 3.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

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

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1. Pride Society Support

Directors from the Vancouver Pride Society and staff from Engineering Services had a conversation with the Committee regarding Pride Society funding and preparations for this year's Pride celebrations.

2. Body-worn Cameras for Parking Enforcement Officers

Staff from Engineering Services provided an update and responded to questions.

3. FIFA World Cup 2026 Updates

The Vice-Chair provided an update on the meeting he attended regarding security and safety initiatives for FIFA World Cup 2026 and responded to questions.

4. Motion: 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusive Recreation Facilities

Following discussion, the resolution below was put on the floor:

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee agrees to write a letter to the Vancouver Park Board regarding Prioritizing Inclusive Recreation Infrastructure;

FURTHER THAT the letter be appended to the minutes of this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Note: The letter can be found on pages 5 and 6, in Appendix A of the Minutes.

5. Gender-Based Violence Prevention Strategy

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the Strategy and responded to questions.

6. Meeting with VPD Sex Industry Liaison Officer and Community Policing Centres

The Co-Chair provided an update on the meeting and responded to questions.

7. Jim Deva Plaza Update

The Co-Chair provided an update on the status of proposed changes to the Plaza, followed by discussion.

8. Working Session Updates

None

9. Liaison Updates

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison representative reported on [VPL's Pride programming](#) for 2026.

The VPD Liaison informed the Committee of a potential upcoming 2SLGBTQ+ Youth Safety

Workshop taking place in October 2026, at 3 pm, at Britannia Community Centre.

The Staff Liaison provided an update on the [Red Umbrella March](#).

10. New Business

a) City Inspections of Clubs and Bars

The Committee, along with external representatives, engaged in discussion regarding safety inspections at clubs and bars in the city.

b) Lighting at 5083 Joyce Street

The Committee discussed the status of the 2SLGBTQ-themed art installation at this site.

c) Census 2026

The Committee discussed 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in the Census.

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, July 9, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall/
Teams

The Committee adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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The 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee is a volunteer civic agency appointed by Vancouver City Council to help communicate community perspectives to Council and staff while advising on City priorities, projects, and initiatives. The following represents the views of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee. The 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee is not expressing views on behalf of the City of Vancouver.

May 26, 2026

Tom Digby, Chair, Vancouver Park Board
Steve Jackson, General Manager, Department of Parks and Recreation

Re: Prioritizing Inclusive Recreation Infrastructure

The 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee provides advice to Vancouver City Council and staff on issues impacting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, Two-Spirit, and other gender - and sexually diverse communities in Vancouver. Our mandate includes identifying barriers to full participation in civic life and recommending actions to ensure equitable access to City services and programs. We also work collaboratively with counterparts from other civic agencies to identify opportunities for joint action on issues of mutual interest.

The City of Vancouver has committed to advancing equity, accessibility, safety, and well-being through initiatives including the Healthy City Strategy and the 2STGD+ Safety and Inclusion Action Plan. Recreation facilities are critical public infrastructure that support community participation, physical and mental wellbeing, and social connection for residents across Vancouver.

The physical design and accessibility of recreation spaces directly influence whether residents of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations feel safe, welcome, and able to participate fully in public life. Inclusive infrastructure features, including all-gender and private changing areas, inclusive washrooms, flexible multi-use spaces, and visibility and safety features such as ample exterior lighting can significantly reduce barriers to recreational access and participation. Inclusive imagery and signage that promotes respectful behaviour and provides clear information on how to report inappropriate conduct can also foster participation from diverse communities.

Investments in inclusive recreation infrastructure can support equitable access to public amenities, particularly for 2SLGBTQ+ residents, including trans and gender-diverse individuals, as well as youth and other equity-denied communities. The 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee applauds the work the Park Board has undertaken over the years to encourage the integration of inclusive design principles into the planning, renewal, retrofit, and development of recreation facilities and related public amenities. It also commends the Board's ongoing support for 2SLGBTQ+ programming.

To support ongoing work in this area, the Committee encourages the Board to continue working with advisory committees and community stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve equitable access, safety, and inclusion within recreation infrastructure across Vancouver

neighbourhoods. Conducting an audit of recreation facilities may also help identify gaps and areas where infrastructure could be made more inclusive. The Committee would welcome the opportunity to provide feedback on any such evaluation.

Thank you for your attention to these matters and for including the Committee in this important work over the years.

Sincerely,

2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee