



2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

July 9, 2026

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 5:34 pm, in the Cascadia Room, 3rd Floor, City Hall, and via electronic means.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison
Councillor Meiszner, Council Liaison
Samantha Mills, Vancouver Public Library Liaison
April Sumter-Freitag, Social Planner, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:

Terri Burke, Meeting Coordinator

WELCOME

The Vice-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

MOVED by Rick Hurlbut

SECONDED by Hana Chisako Acorn

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 UNANIMOUSLY AND
BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY

Leave of Absence Requests

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approves a leave of absence for Eddy Elmer, for this meeting.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Approval of Minutes

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the minutes from the meeting of Thursday, May 14, 2026, as circulated.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

1. End-of-Term Report Plan

The Vice-Chair provided an update and advised that any proposed edits should be submitted to the Co-Chairs within the next two weeks.

2. Commemorating Chris Morrissey and Other 2SLGBTQ+ Leaders

The Vice-Chair introduced the item, followed by Committee discussion. It was noted that the Chris Morrissey Proclamation would be read at City Hall on July 15, 2026, at 12 pm.

3. Pride Planning and City Hall Flag-Raising Ceremony

The Committee discussed the Pride Flag Raising Ceremony scheduled for July 27, 2026, at City Hall. Committee members were encouraged to attend.

4. FIFA World Cup 2026 Updates

The Staff Liaison provided an update on safety incidents and noted that there were no incidents related to gender safety concerns. Committee discussion followed.

5. Working Session Updates

The Co-Chair provided an overview of the working session held on June 11, 2026.

6. Liaison Updates

Councillor Meiszner, Council Liaison, provided an update on the Davie Street pedestrianization project, noting that sidewalk widening between Thurlow and Jervis Streets is expected to begin in the fall and be completed by 2028/2029.

Councillor Bligh, Council Liaison, advised that the Consulate General of Ireland will host a Pride

event on July 23, 2026, and offered to facilitate introductions. Committee members expressed interest and requested further information.

The Vancouver Public Library Liaison representative reported on [Vancouver Public Library Pride events](#) planned for 2026 and discussed initiatives to support staff in the use and respect of pronouns.

7. New Business

a) Vancouver Canadians Baseball – Pride Night

The Committee was encouraged to attend the [event on July 30, 2026](#).

ADJOURNMENT

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, September 17, 2026
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room, 2nd Floor,
City Hall / Teams Meeting

The Committee adjourned at 5:54 pm.

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