



## **2SLGBTQ+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

**September 16, 2021**

A meeting of the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 5:36 pm, by electronic means.

**PRESENT:** Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair  
Gary Gerbrandt, Vice-Chair  
Saif Al Shamaa  
Laura Dale  
Ryan Hill  
Tung Nguyen  
Alicia Oeser\*  
Katie Anne Reimer\*  
Bradley Sarandi  
Rodney Stehr\*

**ABSENT:** Colt Desjarlais-Tataquasan, Leave of Absence  
Sara Gill, Leave of Absence  
Serena Jackson, Co-Chair, Leave of Absence  
Terry Schenkel, Leave of Absence  
Kyle Simunovic

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Rebecca Bligh, Council Liaison  
Paul Czene, Recreation Coordinator, Access & Inclusion  
Staff Liaison  
Rick Hurlbut, Alternate to the Committee  
Mitchell Prost, Alternate to the Committee

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

### **WELCOME**

The Chair acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tseil-Waututh Nations.

## Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Tung Nguyen  
SECONDED by Laura Dale

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Colt Desjarlais-Tataquasan, Sara Gill, Serena Jackson and Terry Schenkel for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Alicia Oeser and Rodney Stehr absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Tung Nguyen  
SECONDED by Gary Gerbrandt

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, July 22, 2021, as circulated.

FURTHER THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of Thursday, March 18, 2021, with the following amendments:

- Item 1 Liaison Updates
  - Updates by Councillor Bligh
    - bullet 3, add the phrase “Councillor Bligh agreed to circulate when available” at the end
  - Updates by Trustee Carmen Cho
    - bullet 1, strike “police liaison program” and insert “School Liaison Officer program”
  - Updates by Paul Czene, Staff Liaison,
    - bullet 1, insert “Hiring of” at the beginning
    - bullet 2, correct the spelling of “Trans inclusive” to “trans-inclusive”
- Item 2 Jim Deva Plaza,
  - second paragraph, first sentence, strike the word “nightlight” and insert “nightlife”
  - third paragraph, first sentence, between the words “regarding” and “biohazard”, insert the words “availability of”
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- Item 3 Hate Crime Reporting Updates
  - Second paragraph, first sentence, insert “lag in” before the word “investigation”
  - Second paragraph, second sentence, insert “him” after “assured”
  - Strike fourth paragraph and replace with the following, “Eddy advised that the VPD agreed to provide ongoing updates to the committee on hate crime issues if so desired.”
- Item 4 Anti-Racism Committee Meetings
  - First sentence, strike “Anti-Racism Committee Meetings” and replace with “Anti-Racism Working Group meetings”
  - Strike second bullet and insert “specific barriers to documenting, recording, and following-up on racist incidents, along with specific objectives to address these barriers”
  - Delete the third bullet
- Item 6 Plan for Final Working Session
  - Strike the first sentence and insert “As this was the final meeting of the term, the Committee agreed to create a document summarizing its

accomplishments and recommendations for future work. This handover document will be sent to the incoming Committee.” in its place.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Rodney Stehr absent for the vote)

### **1. Subcommittees**

Gary Gerbrandt, Vice-Chair, provided an overview of subcommittees for the current term.

MOVED by Saif Al Shamaa  
SECONDED by Tung Nguyen

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee establish the following Subcommittees for the 2021-2022 term:

- Municipal Affairs and Outreach (MA&O)
- Solidarity With Our Communities (SWOC)
- Transforming Civic Systems and Services (TCS&S)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### **2. Work Plan**

The Committee discussed drafting a work plan for approval at the next clerked meeting on November 25, 2021.

MOVED by Tung Nguyen  
SECONDED by Saif Al Shamaa

THAT the 2SLGBTQ+ Advisory Committee proceed with the Work Plan Vision as a starting point to plan and formalize the Work Plan before the deadline.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Katie Anne Reimer absent for the vote)

### **3. Procedures**

The Committee discussed communication formats including the use of Slack and Notion, as well as staff engagement, scheduling of subcommittees and working sessions.

### **4. Liaison Updates**

None.

## **5. New Business**

### **1. 2022 Budget**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised the Committee is invited to attend a staff presentation regarding the 2022 Budget on September 22, 2021 from 5:30-7 pm. RSVP by September 20, 2021. Comments can to Mayor and Council may be submitted using the online form: <https://vancouver.ca/your-government/contact-council.aspx> or register to speak at the December 1<sup>st</sup> Special Council meeting on the 2022 Budget.

### **2. Jim Deva Plaza**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that staff from Engineering expressed interest in meeting with the Committee to discuss long-term stewardship of the Jim Deva Plaza. The Committee agreed to have Engineering staff at the next clerked meeting in November to discuss this continuing work from the last term.

### **3. Survey – Gender-based/Sexualized Violence and Harrassment in Public Spaces**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that the City has extended the deadline to participate in the survey on gender-based/sexualized violence and harassment in public spaces to October 15, 2021. Members were encouraged to complete the survey (<https://survey.vancouver.ca/s3/UN-Safe-Cities>) and share this link with their networks.

### **4. City's Access to City Services Without Fear Policy: For Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, shared an invitation to the Committee from Jennifer Reddy, Senior Social Planner, to attend a working session to discuss the City's Access to City Services Without Fear Policy: For Residents with Uncertain or No Immigration Status. The working session is to take place on September 23, 2021, from 6:30 to 8 pm. As the previous term's Committee provided input on this policy, having one or two current members attend the working session would be a good idea.

### **5. Downtown Renter Services Centre**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that the Vancouver Renter Office invited the Committee to provide input on the creation of a Renter Services Centre downtown. A survey is available and will close on September 30, 2021. (<https://shapeyourcity.ca/renter-centre>). An online workshop with staff is taking place on October 7, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Staff are also available to present to the Committee at a meeting this fall.

### **6. City's Community Centre Strategy**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that staff overseeing the City's Community Centre Strategy has requested feedback from the Committee either in written form or at a Committee meeting. Gary

Gerbrandt, Vice-Chair, advised that staff have been invited to an upcoming subcommittee meeting to discuss the above-noted Strategy.

#### **7. Imagine West End Waterfront Community Advisory Group**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that the Vancouver Park Board is seeking applicants for their Imagine West End Waterfront Community Advisory Group. This Advisory Group will advise on the 30-year vision for our beaches, parks, and streets that stretch between Burrard Bridge and Stanley Plan. Apply by September 21: <https://www.vancouver.ca/west-end-waterfront>. Staff requested to present this plan at an upcoming Committee meeting.

#### **8. QMUNITY Study on Experiences of Trans Older Adults with Dementia**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that QMUNITY is recruiting participants for a study about the experiences of trans older adults with dementia. They would like Committee members to share information about the study with their networks. Eddy will send social media advertisements to the Committee. For more information, contact [trans.dementia.project@gmail.com](mailto:trans.dementia.project@gmail.com).

#### **9. Cancelled Bus Stops**

Eddy Elmer, Co-Chair, advised that correspondence was received from a member of the community asking the Committee to consider passing a motion to address the cancellation of bus stops. This was some unfinished business from the Committee's prior term. It was agreed that the Committee would address the issue at an upcoming subcommittee meeting.

#### **10. Rezoning the Community Garden at Davie and Burrard**

Rick Hurlbut, alternate Committee member, advised that there is an upcoming application to rezone the community garden lot at Davie and Burrard. As this development could greatly affect Davie Village, it was suggested that the Committee should provide input.

#### **11. Upcoming Council Motion – Friendship City Program**

Rick Hurlbut, alternate Committee member, advised that the Mayor had put forward a motion for the upcoming Council meeting on September 21, 2021 regarding the establishment of a Friendship City Program. Mr. Hurlbut shared his thought on this program as possibly providing an opportunity to create a "gaybourhood-to-gaybourhood" relationship with another city. He also advised of his intentions to speak to this motion at the upcoming Council meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Bradley Sarandi  
SECONDED by Tung Nguyen

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: Thursday, November 25, 2021  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: TBD

The Committee adjourned at 7:32 pm.

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