



## LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2013

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 5:33 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Dean Malone, Co-Chair  
Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni  
Metha Brown\*  
Drew Dennis  
Michelle Fortin, Co-Chair  
Gwen Haworth\*  
Richard Overgaard  
Andrew Shopland  
Barbara Snelgrove

**ABSENT:** Ronald Stipp (Leave of Absence)  
Patrick Tham (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Andrea Reimer, Vancouver City Council  
Dave Rieberger, Parks and Recreation, Staff Liaison

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE:** Tina Hildebrandt, Meeting Coordinator

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Fortin  
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Ronald Stipp and Patrick Tham for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Gwen Haworth absent for the vote)

#### "IN CAMERA" MEETING

MOVED by Michelle Fortin  
SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee will go into a meeting later today, which is closed to the public, pursuant to Section 165.2(1) of the *Vancouver Charter*, to discuss matters related to paragraph:

(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the city or another position appointed by the city.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Gwen Haworth absent for the vote)

#### Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Drew Dennis  
SECONDED by Michelle Fortin

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the minutes of May 2 and October 3, 2013, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Gwen Haworth absent for the vote)

#### VARY AGENDA

MOVED by Drew Dennis  
SECONDED by Metha Brown

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda in order to consider New Business item a) first, followed by item no. 2 d).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Gwen Haworth absent for the vote)

*For clarity, the minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

#### 4. New Business

##### a) Canadian National Anthem

Councillor Andrea Reimer was in attendance to provide an overview on changes proposed by the Women's Advisory Committee to the Canadian National Anthem in relation to gender neutral language and sought the LGBTQ's support for the proposal.

MOVED by Drew Dennis  
SECONDED by Andrew Shopland

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee supports the Women's Advisory Committee's recommendation to Vancouver City Council to support the change of language from "our sons" to "of us" in Canada's National Anthem, as proposed by the Restore Our Anthem campaign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Subcommittee Reports

d. *TRANSformations*

Drew Dennis and Metha Brown provided a verbal update on activities and sought the Committee's advice on a matter related to an upcoming event at the Vancouver Public Library.

MOVED by Drew Dennis

SECONDED by Barbara Snelgrove

WHEREAS

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee recognizes and acknowledges the concerns around violence against all women, people of all sexual orientations and all gender identities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee will respond to a community request with regards to a select speaker at a community -hosted event at the Vancouver Public Library on November 30, 2013, that commemorates the École Polytechnique Massacre and, if deemed appropriate, the Committee will reach out to the Vancouver Public Library.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Communications and Engagement Update

Richard Overgaard provided a brief verbal update.

2. Subcommittee Reports (*continued*)

a. *Housing to Home*

Michelle Fortin provided a brief verbal update, noting a meeting has been arranged with Mukhtar Latif, the City's new Chief Housing Officer, and that focus will continue around barriers in regard to LGBTQ seniors housing.

Ms. Fortin, along with Drew Dennis, also provided a verbal update on the LGBTQ's participation at the Council of Councils held November 14, 2013.

b. *Davie Village Revitalization*

Co-Chair Malone provided a verbal update on the West End Community Plan which was approved by Council on November 20, 2013.

He also noted the West End Business Improvement Association has arranged regular meetings with the sub-committee.

c. *Safe, Healthy and Engaged Communities*

i) *Improvements to Street Lighting in Vancouver*

MOVED by Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni  
SECONDED by Drew Dennis

WHEREAS

The LGBTQ Advisory Committee's *Davie Street Revitalization Report (2013)* indicated that "improvements could be made to enhance the security of the Davie Village" by "improving street lighting, including in the alleys".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee supports the Seniors' Advisory Committee's motion passed on November 15, 2013, regarding improvements to street lighting in Vancouver;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee will cooperate with the Seniors' Advisory Committee on this matter.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Metha Brown absent for the vote)

3. *Approval of 2014 Meeting Schedule*

Co-Chair Malone reviewed a letter dated November 20, 2013, from the City Clerk regarding meeting attendance (*on file*).

MOVED by Richard Overgaard  
SECONDED by Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the 2014 Regular Meeting Schedule as follows:

- February 6
- May 1
- September 4
- November 6

All regular meetings are on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm, Vancouver City Hall; meeting room to be confirmed;

FURTHER THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approve the 2014 Working Session Schedule as follows:

- March 6
- April 3
- June 5
- July 3
- October 2

All working sessions are on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm, Vancouver City Hall; meeting room to be confirmed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Metha Brown absent for the vote)

4. New Business (*continued*)

b) Election of Chairs for 2014

MOVED by Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni

SECONDED by Drew Dennis

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee appoint Richard Overgaard as Acting Chair to oversee the election of Co-Chairs for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee for 2014.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Metha Brown absent for the vote)

The Acting Chair called for nominations for the positions of Co-Chair for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee for the year 2014, and the following were re-elected:

- Dean Malone
- Michelle Fortin

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*Following the election, Dean Malone resumed as Co-Chair.*

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c) Year End Report

Co-Chair Malone reminded Sub-committee Chairs of their obligation to provide a Summary of Accomplishments for 2013 to the Co-Chairs by December 15, 2013.

Adjournment

MOVED by Richard Overgaard

SECONDED by Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

(Metha Brown absent for the vote)

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, February 6, 2014  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Meeting room to be confirmed  
Vancouver City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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