



LGBTQ2+ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

January 23, 2020

A meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 23, 2020, at 5:34 pm, in Business Centre Meeting Room, Second Floor, City Hall.

PRESENT: Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair
Linnea Strom, Co-Chair
Raj Alamchandani
Olivia Bing
Kyle Demes
Eddy Elmer
Stephanie Goodwin*
Jutta Kolhi
Shawnessy Luke
Sylvia Machat*
Nazanin Moghadami*
Tribesty Nguyen

ABSENT: Rob McDowell (Leave of Absence)
Aisha Tejani (Leave of Absence)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison
Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison
Paul Czene, Staff Liaison

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Irina Dragnea, Meeting Coordinator

* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting

WELCOME

Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair, acknowledged we are on the unceded territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Roll Call and Roundtable Introductions

The meeting commenced with roundtable introductions of Committee members, liaisons and staff.

Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler
SECONDED by Raj Alamchandani

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve leaves of absence for Rob McDowell and Aisha Tejani, for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Goodwin absent for the vote)

Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler
SECONDED by Linnea Strom

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 21, 2019, as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Stephanie Goodwin absent for the vote)

1. 2020 Election of Co-Chairs at March Meeting

Linnea Strom and Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chairs, reviewed the responsibilities and time commitment required for the role of Co-Chair of the committee and encouraged newer members to consider stepping up and applying to become a Co-Chair in 2020.

The Committee agreed to hold elections for Co-Chairs for 2020 at its meeting on March 5, 2020.

2. Inactive Subcommittees

The Co-Chairs discussed the importance of refocusing the committee's key priorities and rethinking the committee's current subcommittees, in order to create more tangible goals, while working within the City dynamic. The committee agreed to continue with their work on social policies surrounding reconciliation and anti-hate initiatives.

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MOVED by Brooklyn Fowler
SECONDED by Raj Alamchandani

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee vary the order of the agenda to deal with Liaison Update, next.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

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3. Summary of Recent Activities

The Co-Chairs provided an update on the Council of Councils meeting from January 13, 2020, organized by the City of Vancouver, where other advisory bodies' members gathered together with staff and City Council and discussed the advisory bodies' goals for the coming year. The Co-Chairs noted that there were numerous opportunities highlighted of cross-committee work, and that they will be reaching out to those committees to start the dialogue.

The committee discussed upcoming activities, such as:

- [Converge Con](#) – April 4 and 5, 2020
- [Speak OUT: National Survey – LGBTQI2S Youth Dating Violence Survey](#) – ending March 2020
- [Trans Extravaganza 2020](#) – February 1, 2020
- [Watermelon Woman](#) and [Long-time Comin'](#) playing at Vancity Theatre – February 10, 2020

4. Liaison Updates

Councillor Lisa Dominato, Council Liaison, noted her upcoming member's motion, entitled "[City of Vancouver LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee – Renaming Consideration](#)", which will be considered at the Council meeting on February 11, 2020, and sought the committee's input.

Constable Dale Quiring, Police Liaison, provided an update on projects he has been working on, such as, programs designated for youth that further explore the conversation around anti-hate and better understanding the ramifications, as well as continuing his work with queer seniors and creating safe spaces, especially within the police community.

Paul Czene, Staff Liaison, provided an update on programs happening in community centres around the city, such as, weight training sessions designed for trans people and staffed with trans-trained fitness attendants that can help answer questions about fitness or other programs, and art classes in partnership with the Queer Arts Festival. Staff also provided an update on the current work for training materials on trans inclusion with a number of modules being introduced to community centres, park rangers and janitorial staff. Additionally, staff agreed to work together with Raj Alamchandani on drafting suggestions on how to better improve the *Vancouver Building Code*.

5. Subcommittee Updates

Public Safety – Eddy Elmer provided an update from the Public Safety Subcommittee. He discussed the following: a draft motion to improve street lighting; a survey to identify barriers and facilitators in reporting hate crimes and hate incidents to police; and a community public safety forum to present results of the survey and to hear from different speakers on public safety topics. He also indicated that he has reached out to the Street Saviours Outreach Society and Good Night Out Vancouver to see if they would like to attend a committee meeting to discuss the work they do.

Aging and Intergenerational – Eddy Elmer provided an update from the Aging and Intergenerational Subcommittee. He discussed the following: review of the City's Healthy City Strategy to ensure it addresses needs of the LGBTQ2S+ community; providing input on the Hey Neighbour Program from an LGBTQ2S+ perspective; and developing an inclusive housing checklist for City staff. He also asked if there has been any action on the Committee's motion of November 23, 2017 re: inclusion of trans, gender Diverse, and two-Spirit people in the City's 'Housing Reset.' Other topics included Vancouver Coastal Health's 'Come Alive' program, which aims to promote a person-centered perspective in long-term care. He also discussed the impact of hearing loss on social isolation and mental health, and whether City facilities adequately accommodate people with hearing loss. Finally, he mentioned that the City of Vancouver's Gay and Lesbian Archives might benefit from some more advertising, as not enough people in the LGBTQ2S+ community are aware of this excellent resource. (Link to the archives: <https://searcharchives.vancouver.ca/bc-gay-and-lesbian-archives>).

Reconciliation – Sylvia Machat noted that the Reconciliation subcommittee is currently in the process of collecting information and setting the targets for moving forward and intertwining reconciliation within every aspect of the committee's work.

Public Safety – Brooklyn Fowler, Co-Chair, sought the committee's input on a potential Trans Public Safety Forum.

6. New Business

a) Housing

Committee members requested an update from staff on housing programs for senior queer people. Staff agreed to follow-up.

b) Qmunity – New Development

Sylvia Machat noted that the City hosted an Open House on January 20, 2020, for the new Qmunity building.

c) Events

Committee members highlighted the upcoming Lunar New Year Festival and also noted Jamie Lee Hamilton's memorial service, a tireless rights advocate for the LGBTQ2S+ community in Vancouver.

(d) Name Update to LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Name

MOVED by Raj Alamchandani
SECONDED by Stephanie Goodwin

THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee recommend to Council the name of the Committee be updated to include the number and letter "2S" at the beginning of the name and to remove the number "2" after the letter "Q", to read as follows:

- 2SLGBTQ+;

FURTHER THAT the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee recommend, prior to the name change recommended above, that staff consult with Indigenous representatives to ensure support with the above recommendation.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Sylvia Machat and Nazanin Moghadami absent for the vote)

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Raj Alamchandani
SECONDED by Linnea Strom

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
(Sylvia Machat absent for the vote)

Next Working Session:

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room
Second Floor, City Hall

Next Meeting:

DATE: Thursday, March 5, 2020
TIME: 5:30 pm
PLACE: Cascadia Meeting Room
Third Floor, City Hall

The Committee adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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