



## LGBTQ ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

September 27, 2012

A meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, September 27, 2012, at 5:45 pm in Committee Room 1, Third Floor, Vancouver City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni, Co-Chair  
Metha Brown  
Drew Dennis  
Myriam Dumont, Co-Chair  
Michelle Fortin  
Adeline Huynh\*  
Dean Malone  
Richard Overgaard\*

**ABSENT:** Barbara Snelgrove (Leave of Absence)  
Mike Soron (Leave of Absence)  
Ron Stipp (Leave of Absence)  
Patrick Tham (Leave of Absence)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commissioner Trevor Loke, Park Board Liaison  
Trustee Cherie Payne, School Board Liaison

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

\* Denotes absence for a portion of the meeting.

#### Leave of Absence Requests

MOVED by Michelle Fortin  
SECONDED by Dean Malone

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee approves leaves of absence for Barbara Snelgrove, Mike Soron, Ron Stipp and Patrick Tham for this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Adeline Huynh absent for the vote)

## Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Drew Dennis  
SECONDED by Dean Malone

THAT the minutes of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee meeting of July 26, 2012, be approved as circulated.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY  
(Adeline Huynh absent for the vote)

### 1. Co-Chairs Report

The Committee Co-Chairs provided an update with regards to meeting with other advisory committees and liaisons.

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*The Committee agreed to vary the agenda in order to deal with items 5, 6 and 7 prior to item 2. For clarity, minutes are recorded in chronological order.*

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### 5. Members Update

Metha Brown and Drew Dennis provided an update with regards to meetings held with Parks Board staff and the General Manager of Human Resource Services revolving around the topics of trans awareness and sensitivity, training for city employees and building code amendments for washrooms and civic forms. *(Distributed material on file.)*

There will be a 30 minute training session for the City's Recreational Supervisors on October 19, 2012, which will focus on trans awareness and sensitivity utilizing scenario based examples.

### 6. Park Board Task Force Request

Trevor Loke, Parks Board Liaison, provided an update with regards to the Parks Board striking a Task Force that engages public consultation around issues of inclusion for trans and gender variant persons. *(Distributed material on file.)*

The Committee discussed the mandate of the Parks Board Task Force which included: Universal Access and Inclusion in Public Spaces, Human Resources Training, Signage and Education Materials and Sponsorship and Support for activities that are inclusive with Programming.

MOVED by Richard Overgaard  
SECONDED by Adeline Huynh

THAT the LGBTQ Advisory Committee recommends the creation of a Park Board Task Force to engage in access and inclusion for trans and gender variant people as presented at the September 27, 2012, meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

## **7. New Business**

### **a) Meeting Schedule**

The Co-Chairs agreed to follow up with Councillor Stevenson with regards to the meeting schedule for the LGBTQ Advisory Committee.

### **b) Resignation of Co-Chair Position**

Myriam Dumont tendered her resignation as Co-Chair of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee. Elections for the vacant Co-Chair position will be held at a future meeting.

## **2. E-Mail Received**

The Committee discussed an e-mail received regarding attendance at a future meeting of the LGBTQ Advisory Committee as part of a university project.

Mohammad Basir-Kazerooni agreed to respond to the e-mail and it was noted Adeline Huynh has been in contact with the individual.

## **3. Communications and Engagement**

Richard Overgaard provided an update and the idea of utilizing surveys at community events to collect ideas. Future things to think about include a system to inventory the ideas, topics and questions to ask in public engagement activities and also what type of venues and platforms should be targeted.

## **4. Subcommittees**

### **a) Affordable Housing and Homelessness**

Adeline Huynh provided an update with regards to contacts she has made with Aaron Monroe, Raincity Youth Housing and Alex Sangha, Dignity House - Affordable Housing for LGBT Seniors and Allies.

Michelle Fortin expressed interest in being on the Affordable Housing and Homelessness Subcommittee.

**b) Thriving Diverse Economy**

Dean Malone provided an update on the Thriving Diverse Economy Subcommittee and noted a mandate and clear focus need to be established and encouraged any committee members interested in joining the Thriving Diverse Economy Subcommittee are welcome.

**c) Strength, Vitality and Healthy Communities**

None.

**Adjournment**

MOVED by Myriam Dumont  
SECONDED by Michelle Fortin

THAT this meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee adjourned at 7:23 pm.

**Next Meeting:**

DATE: October 25, 2012  
TIME: 5:30 pm  
PLACE: Business Centre Meeting Room,  
Second Floor, Vancouver City Hall

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