



## Trans and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee

### July 13, 2016 Minutes

#### **Attendance**

#### **Community Members**

Cindy Holmes, Dora Ng, Jaedyn Starr, Jazmine Khan, Kira Yee, Lisa Salazar

#### **Park Board Members**

Darren Peterson (co-chair), Paul Czene

#### **Staff Liaison**

Paul Fazekas, Real Estate Facilities Management (REFM)

#### **Regrets:**

Aftab Erfan, Anne Nickerson, Christina Nikiforuk, Dawn Ibey, Felix Gilliland, Commissioner Michael Wiebe, Sean Healy

#### **1. Introductions and pronoun protocols**

#### **2. Staffing proposal** (Dora Ng, Jazmine Khan)

The Trans\* and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee community members recommend that a dedicated staff person be employed by the Vancouver Park Board to work in collaboration with the Access Coordinator and Steering Committee to implement actions and recommendations that promote safety and inclusion for Trans\* and Gender Variant patrons in all Vancouver Park Board facilities.

Staff received the report and is expected to report back in **August**.

#### **3. Trans\* swim proposal** (Jaedyn Starr, Cindy Holmes & Kira Yee)

The Trans\* and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee community members urge the Vancouver Park Board to pilot an “exclusive” swim model designating a time that is restricted to trans\* and gender variant users and their loved ones, and that it continue with all the great attempts at making the space safe (signage, trained staff etc).

Over time the Park Board may return to an inclusive model once the trust with the TGV community has been re-established and we have all gained a better understanding of the elements absolutely necessary for making a swim safe for TGV individuals.

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#### **4. Correspondence**

The steering committee received a request for a letter of support for an outreach adult literacy class at Trout Lake Community Centre “geared towards queer, trans, and Two-Spirit people.”

Due to the steering committee composition of Park Board staff and appointed community members the committee cannot write a letter of support, however, the appointed community members can state their support as individuals who are members of, but not speaking for, the TGV steering committee.



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### 5. **Staff Report** (Paul Czene)

The Park Board, on July 11, 2016, unanimously [approved the nominations](#) of Felix Gilliland and Lisa Salazar as new community members of the TGVl steering committee commencing immediately until the June 30, 2017. [Staff Presentation](#)

The City of Vancouver, on July 13, 2016, unanimously approved [“Supporting Trans\\* Equality and an Inclusive Vancouver.”](#) Council has directed staff to create an interdepartmental implementation team of staff to move forward with the development of a Trans\*, Gender Variant and Two-Spirit Inclusion action plan for the city, liaising with the City’s LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee and the Vancouver Park Board’s Trans\* and Gender Variant Inclusion Steering Committee on related items as necessary. [Staff Presentation](#)

### 6. **Staff Request for Assistance** (Paul Czene)

Prepare annual update and presentation to Park Board

- Update will be mid fall after steering committee planning workshop

Outreach to diverse members of TGV community

- Committee members will brainstorm methods to effectively communicate to and receive feedback from the Trans\* and Gender Variant community

### 7. **2016 - 2017 Steering Committee Goals** (Paul Czene)

September meeting will establish goals for the 2016/2017 term of the TGVl steering committee.

### 8. **Meeting Schedule** (Paul Czene )

Starting September 2017 meetings will be bi-monthly with the addition of working sessions as required.

### 9. **New Business**

Paul Fazekas (REFM) requested interest in a facilities sub-committee to provide input on facility renovations, upgrades and new construction. Community members would provide perspective based on their lived experiences in public facilities.

- Committee members supported the initiative

Dawn Ibey has given notice that she will no longer be Vancouver Public Library liaison due to change in role at VPL. Anne O’Shea is the new liaison.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:20pm

**Next Meeting:** TBA