

## Minutes

**Tuesday, October 22, 2019**

**Ante Room at 5:30 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

William Clarke-Coward, Marissa Daniels, Enzo DeDivitiis, Lindsay McCormick, Sharon Paton, Stephanie Vail

### **Absent:**

Member name redacted for privacy, Rob Gill, LeeAnn Pocknell

### **Staff Liaison:**

Marla Terreberry-Portfilio

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1. **Call meeting to order**  
Sharon Paton called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.
  2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
  3. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
There were none.
  4. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
**Moved by:** Lindsay McCormick  
That the October 22, 2019 agenda of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved.  
**CARRIED**
  5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
**Moved by:** William Clarke-Coward  
That the minutes of the September 11, 2019 meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved.  
**CARRIED**
  6. **Declarations of Interest**  
There were none noted.

## **7. Business arising from the minutes**

### **7.1. Meeting Schedule**

Marla Terreberry-Portfilio presented the following meeting schedule which was created in accordance with the meeting schedule terms approved at the September 11, 2019 LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Meeting. All meeting will start at 5:00 pm.

- October 8, 2019
- November 12, 2019
- December 10, 2020
- January 7, 2020
- February 4, 2020
- March 3, 2020
- March 31, 2020
- April 28, 2020
- May 26, 2020
- June 23, 2020
- July 21, 2020
- August 18, 2020
- September 15, 2020
- October 13, 2020
- November 10, 2020
- December 8, 2020

Marissa Daniels informed that there is a conflict with the Equity and Inclusion meeting time on December 10, 2019. The discussion regarding amending the December 10, 2019 meeting date will be placed on the November 12, 2019 to ensure all members have an opportunity to discuss alternative meeting times.

## **8. Business**

### **8.1. Rainbow Cross Walk**

The committee reviewed and discussed the following motion passed at the July 15, 2019 Council meeting:

Moved By: Councillor Miller

Seconded By: Councillor Porter

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WHEREAS there is a request from the citizen group "Rainbow Crosswalk for St. Catharines" to join the Rainbow Crosswalk Initiative; and

WHEREAS the intent of this initiative is to show vulnerable people in our community that St. Catharines is inclusive, accepting, loving and welcoming; and

WHEREAS nearby communities such as Hamilton have experienced notable displays of homophobia, transphobia and other forms of bigotry recently; and

WHEREAS it is incumbent on City of St. Catharines to show solidarity with our LGBTQ2S+ population against bigotry; and

WHEREAS the City has recently established an LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that City Council endorse the concept of the installation of a Rainbow Crosswalk within the City limits; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this request be forwarded to the new LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee for discussion, approval and selection of a preferred location for a Rainbow Crosswalk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff work with the LGBTQ2S+ Advisory Committee on a Rainbow Crosswalk policy, including criteria and a target number of Rainbow Crosswalks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the installation of any Rainbow Crosswalk is done by City staff who can ensure they are installed safely and comply with all appropriate accessibility requirements.

Committee members discussed potential locations for the installation of Rainbow Crosswalks and generated a prioritized list of preferred locations.

Steve Bittner, Transportation Technologist, provided information to committee members regarding crosswalk requirements and provided insight into the locations for Rainbow Crosswalks identified by members during the discussion.

**MOVED BY:** Enzo DiDevitiis

That the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee recommend the following prioritized list of preferred locations for a Rainbow Crosswalk to be installed within the City limits:

1. On St. Paul Street at the Pedestrian Crossover at Garden Park / FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre (PAC);
2. On St. Paul Street at the Pedestrian Priority Signal (PPS) / Rankin Bridge;
3. All four crossings at the intersection of Church Street and James Street;
4. All four crossings at the intersection of Queenston Street and Tasker Street / Oakdale Avenue; and
5. On St. Paul Street at the proposed Pedestrian Crossover at William Street (when constructed).

**CARRIED**

## **8.2. Work Plan Discussion**

Marla Terreberry-Portfilio informed that the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee is required to provide an annual written report to the Social Sustainability Committee, which typically includes a brief summary of the Committee's work during the preceding year (not applicable in this instance), a work plan of the expected activities for the upcoming year, and any other information requested by the Sustainability Committee. As this is the inaugural year, the annual written report will focus on the work plan for the 2020 year.

The Work Plan of expected activities for the upcoming year (2020) shall include:

- Overview of item
- Steps and timelines
- Any required reporting / approvals
- Resources required
- Expected outcomes
- Risks
- Involvement of other committees / public / groups
- Relationship to the strategic plan

The Chair began a facilitated discussion to begin to determine the priorities for the committee for 2019 and 2020. The discussions to determine priorities and determine the process to create a work plan will continue at the next Committee meeting.

## **8.3. Gender Inclusive Washrooms**

Marissa Daniels discussed the importance of Gender Inclusive washrooms for members of the LGBTQ2+ from both a safety and inclusivity perspective. It was determined that this item would be discussed as part of the Work Plan process.

## **8.4. Coalition for Inclusive Municipalities**

Marissa Daniels informed that on September 19, 2019 Niagara regional councillors unanimously approved that the Niagara Region join the Coalition of Inclusive Municipalities. She informed that OutNiagara was a part of the delegation that spoke at the Council meeting in support of this initiative.

## **8.5. Community Event or Professional Development Information Sharing (Vice Chair)**

Due to time constraints this item was deferred to the next meeting.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

November 12, 2019 at 5:00 pm

## **10. Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by:** Marissa Daniels

That this meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be adjourned.

**CARRIED**