

## Minutes

**Tuesday, February 04, 2020**

**Ante Room at 5:45 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

William Clarke-Coward, Marissa Daniels, Enzo DeDivitiis, Rob Gill, Sharon Paton, Stephanie Vail

### **Absent**

Member name redacted for privacy, Lindsay McCormick, LeeAnn Pocknell

### **Staff Liaison:**

Marla Terreberry-Portfilio

**1. Call meeting to order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:50 pm.

**2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

The Chair acknowledged that the land on which Council meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

**3. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None noted

**4. Motion to approve the agenda**

**Moved by:** Rob Gill

That the February 4, 2020 agenda of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved with the amendments.

**CARRIED**

**5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**

**Moved by:** William Clarke-Coward

That the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

None noted

**7. Presentations**

Scott Rosts provided information to committee members regarding the role of Corporate Communications and the support they can offer the committee including:

- an overview of the structure of and staff within the Department;
- the services they can provide to members (eg. assistance in preparing a press releases or preparation after receiving a request from media; receive requests to promote content on social media/Garden City Current)
- discussed the various tools on-line engagement tools available
- informed that all requests to engage the services of Corporate Communications need to be directed through the committee's staff liaison

**8. Business arising from the minutes**

**8.1. Consultation with Equity Seeking groups related to the Rainbow Crosswalk at Harriet Tubman School. (Staff Liaison, Marla Terreberry-Portfilio)**

In addition to seeking feedback from the Equity and Inclusion Advisory Committee and the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee, committee members suggested that feedback also be sought from the following organizations:

- Niagara Region Antiracism Association
- Queer, Trans, People of Colour (QTPOC) at Brock /OPIRG – Brock
- Niagara Folk Arts

**Action item:**

This item will also be included on the agenda for next meeting in order that other options can be brought forward and to discuss the process for seeking this feedback.

**8.2. Statement regarding community event or professional development information sharing (Chair, Sharon Paton)**

The draft of this statement was not complete as of the date of the meeting.

**Action Item:**

Chair, Sharon Paton will bring completed draft statement to the next meeting for member consideration.

**8.3. Work Plan Discussion Continued**

Chair informed that when the draft LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee Work Plan was presented at the Social Sustainability Committee meeting on January 16, 2020, a request was received to change the language used to describe the incident giving rise to the request that the Committee provide comment on the

potential installation of a Rainbow Crosswalk at Harriet Tubman School from bullying to assault. Committee discussed this request:

**Moved by:** Enzo DeDivitiis

That the word bullying be changed to attack in the Work Plan

**CARRIED**

## **9. Business**

### **9.1. Floral Displays**

The Staff Liaison informed that Community Recreation and Culture Services is interested in feedback from the committee regarding the planting of one or more floral display within city limits to show support for members of the LGBTQ2+ communities. Although it was originally anticipated that a floral display might be planted in 2020, the Staff Liaison informed that given the timing this floral display would take place in 2021.

Committee members indicated a general support for the idea and requested that a member of the Community Recreation and Culture Services team attend a future meeting to share additional information, ideas and locations.

### **9.2. Feedback Requested on Partnering with District School Board of Niagara on Rainbow Crosswalks**

The Staff Liaison informed that City are seeking the Committee's feedback regarding the City's desire to engage in discussions with District School Board of Niagara regarding the implementation of Rainbow Crosswalks at District School Board of Niagara locations.

**Moved by:** Rob Gill

That the LGBTQ2+ Committee supports City staff engaging in discussions with the District School Board of Niagara regarding Rainbow Crosswalks at/near District School Board of Niagara locations. The Committee recommends that the following areas be considered during that consultation:

- Selection process and criteria for which locations
- Funding for installation and maintenance
- Is this an initiative the that the District School Board of Niagara might consider for locations across the region in addition to St. Catharines.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3. Work Plan Discussion Continued**

The Committee continued to work on the draft 2020 Work plan.

## **10. Date of next meeting**

March 3, 2020 at 5:45 pm in the Ante Room, City Hall

## **11. Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by:** William Clarke-Coward

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

**CARRIED**