

## Minutes

**Tuesday, July 21, 2020**

**Electronic Participation at 5:45 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

Sharon Paton, Chair; Marissa Daniels, Co-Chair; William Coward; Enzo De Divitiis; Lindsay McCormick; Stephanie Vail (arrived 5:47 p.m.);

### **Absent:**

Member name redacted for privacy

### **Staff Liaison:**

Evan McGinty, Council and Committee Coordinator

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#### **1. Call meeting to order (Chair)**

Chair Paton called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

#### **2. Recognition of Traditional Territories**

Chair Paton acknowledged that the land on which the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee 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**

- Update from the Chair regarding the installation of the City's Pride Flag Crosswalk (see item 9.1)
- Update from the Chair regarding committee vacancies (see item 9.2)
- Update from the Chair regarding future meeting dates (see item 10)

#### **4. Motion to approve the agenda**

**Moved by:** Enzo De Divitiis

**Seconded by:** Lindsay McCormick

That the July 21, 2020 agenda of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

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

**Moved by:** William Coward

**Seconded by:** Lindsay McCormick

That the minutes of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee, dated June 23, 2020 be approved.

**CARRIED**

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**7. Presentations (invited guests)**

There were none.

**8. Business arising from the minutes**

There were none.

**9. Business**

**a. 9.1 - Update from the Chair regarding the City's Pride Flag Crosswalk**

The Chair read aloud the motion approved by City Council at its meeting of July 13, 2020 endorsing the committee's recommendation for the design and location of the Pride Flag crosswalk and the approval of additional funding required for the installation of the crosswalk.

Enzo De Divitiis stated that Pride Niagara is willing to partner on fundraising efforts related to reducing the additional funding required for the crosswalk.

The Chair provided an update on the status of the acquisition of building materials for the construction of the crosswalk.

**Moved by:** Marissa Daniels

**Seconded by:** Lindsay McCormick

That the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee receive and agree to the motion as approved by City Council at the meeting of Council held July 13, 2020.

**CARRIED**

**b. 9.2 – Update from the Chair regarding Committee Vacancies**

The Chair provided an update regarding vacancies on the LGBTQ2+ committee and advised the Members that the City Clerk has informed the Chair that recruitment for the vacancies will begin in August.

**c. 9.3 - Review and status of the Committee's annual work plan**

Committee Members were previously assigned sections of the work plan to complete. The Chair will provide feedback to Members on their sections of the work plan, while committee Members are to provide the Chair with feedback regarding their sections of the work plan. The Chair will combine all of the feedback and revisions into the work plan.

**10. Date of next meeting**

To be determined. The Chair advised the Members that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, advisory committees are being asked only to meet when a committee has business that it must complete, and that monthly meetings of LGBTQ2+ will not be taking place at this time.

**11. Motion to Adjourn**

**Moved by:** Lindsay McCormick

**Seconded by:** Enzo De Divitiis

That, there being no further items of business, this meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**CARRIED**