

Minutes

Wednesday, June 02, 2021

Electronic Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Attendance:

Liam Clarke-Coward (Chair) – arrived during the meeting
Marissa Daniels
Enzo Divitiis
David Hall
Rick Kennedy
Lindsay McCormick (Vice-Chair)
Stephanie Vail
Committee Member (name redacted)

Absent:

Daniel Gutierrez

Staff Liaison:

Chantal Switzer, Corporate Support Services Coordinator

1. Call meeting to order (Vice-Chair)

L. McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

D. Hall 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. Amendments to the Agenda

Add a discussion to rotate the Recognition of Traditional Territories as new business.

4. Motion to approve the Agenda

Moved by M. Daniels

That the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the agenda of the June 2, 2021 meeting.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by D. Hall

That the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

None

7. Business arising from the minutes

Resource categories

Moved by E. Divitiis

That the committee schedules three meetings at which the business, health and social categories will be dealt with, and that additional information for any category can be brought forward by any member.

Carried

8. Business

a) Crosswalk update

The committee acknowledged and thanked the Mayor and L. Clarke-Coward for presiding over the opening of the new installed Rainbow Crosswalk.

The Committee also thanked and acknowledged committee member E. Divitiis in raising the Pride Flag throughout the region at the start of Pride Month, in his role as Chairperson of Pride Niagara.

Moved by M. Daniels and R. Kennedy

The Committee recommends that the City write to thank the individual who wrote the initial Crosswalk proposal, and the Rainbow Crosswalk Group.

Carried

b) Workplan:

Moved by L. Clarke-Coward

That the July 7, 2021 meeting be devoted to the Social category.

Carried

Moved by M. Daniels

That the August 4, 2021 meeting be devoted to the Business category.

Carried

Moved by R. Kennedy

That the September 1, 2021 meeting be devoted to the Health category

Carried

It was noted that Pride month is a particularly good time to collect and compile resource categories.

The committee would like both the work on the resource categories and the flyer to be completed by end of September 2021.

The following topics were noted as being potential items to be included in the workplan:

- Gender neutral washrooms.
- How families are depicted in City advertising.
- Advocate for funding for inclusive and welcoming organizations that help the community, notably racialized and queer communities; mental health and trans health were noted as areas in need.
- Review the decision-making process for representation in City decisions.
- Invite an individual to present to Council on issues the transgender community faces.

Moved by D. Hall

Attach the existing workplan document to the July meeting agenda.

Carried

Recognition of Traditional Territories:

Moved by R. Kennedy

Request that each person participates on a rotational basis alphabetically by last name to the reading of the Territorial Acknowledgment

Carried

Display of pronouns in electronic meetings:

Moved by S. Vail

That committee members add their pronouns to their names on Zoom meetings.

Carried

Equity and Inclusion Committee Request:

Moved by D. Hall

To amend the correspondence on a recognition program already received by the Equity & Inclusion Advisory committee from this committee, to include the Niagara Pride Unity Awards which recognizes the achievements of individuals, as well as organizations and allies in the LGBTQ2+ community.

Carried as amended

9. **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday, July 07, 2021.

10. **Motion to Adjourn**

Moved by L. McCormick

That the June 2, 2021 meeting of the LGBTQ2+ Advisory Committee be adjourned

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.