



Hamilton

- MINUTES -

GLBT Advisory Committee

Monday, December 3, 2008 – 5:30 p.m.

Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane

- PRESENT:** Simon Lebrun, Debbie Woolridge, Jae Adams
- REGRETS:** Councillor Bob Bratina, Lyla Miklos, Deirdre Pike,
Christine Tedesco,
- ALSO PRESENT:** Jane Lee – City of Hamilton
Deirdre Dixon

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Members and guests were welcomed.

2. DECLARATION OF "CONFLICT OF INTEREST"

None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

(J.Adams/D.Woolridge)

That the October 1, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

(J.Adams/D.Woolridge)

That the November 3, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 519 Visit

The Committee members who visited the 519 in Toronto with Councillor Bratina were very impressed with the facility and the programming. Jae will provide his written notes about the facility and its operations. Next steps are to look at a few other facilities including Beasley, the old school in Jamesville, St. Mary's, and the building next to Skydragon. Members also want to tour the Globe.

In addition, there needs to be a determination of the Advisory Committee's role. The City of Toronto model for the 519 will be reviewed once there is further definition about what a Hamilton GLBT Centre should be.

This matter will be discussed further at future meetings.

4.2 Community Grants (previously circulated)

The Committee members briefly reviewed the Community Grants information. They noted concerns from community that not a lot of money is going to agencies that are safe to the needs of the LGBTQ community. Possibly part of that factor is that many agencies that provide community supports are faith-based, some of which are not considered safe by members of the LGBTQ community. The other concern is that there are no queer-specific organizations getting funding.

There will be further discussion at the next meeting about possible actions surrounding community grants.

4.3 Discussion – Strategic Plan

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

A number of items were noted for information. There is an event about Hate Crimes / Hate Incidences on February 14th – Pink Triangle Day (3 hours) to be run by the Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative. There will be two facilitated sessions from 11-2 and 2-3.

Debbie noted that there will be a Police LGBT Task Force meeting held early in the new year.

Debbie noted the Montreal Massacre Memorial will be held on Sunday, December 6, 2008 at Ryerson.

Meeting Date Change

Members requested that members not in attendance be contacted to see if they were accepting of a change in the date of the meeting, subject to the meeting room being available. Choices in order of the committee members present are as follows:

- 1) 3rd Thursday of the month
- 2) 4th Thursday of the month
- 3) 1st Thursday of the month

Jae will submit the transportation costs of \$48.00 for the vehicle and \$15.53 in gas to Councillor Bratina.

6. INFORMATION SHARING

7. ADJOURNMENT