



Hamilton

**- MINUTES -**

**GLBT Advisory Committee**

**Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane**

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**PRESENT:** Simon Lebrun, Lyla Miklos, Christine Tedesco,  
Councillor Bob Bratina

**REGRETS:** Debbie Woolridge

**ALSO PRESENT:** Jae Adams, Maria Sanchez, Jane Lee

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

Members and guests were welcomed.

**2. DECLARATION OF "CONFLICT OF INTEREST"**

None declared.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1 July 2, 2008**

**(Miklos/Lebrun)**

That the July 2, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. **CARRIED.**

**3.2 September 3, 2008**

Items 6.1 and 6.2 of the September 3, 2008 minutes – reference to The Well's involvement will be deleted.

**(Miklos/Bratina)**

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

**4. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**4.1 Establish Priority Areas (consider topics discussed below)**

Jane will arrange to book a strategic planning session and will coordinate schedules of the committee members and the facilitator. A proposed time of 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. was established. A light dinner will be provided. There was a suggestion that community partners be invited.

**4.2 2009 Budget / Work plan**

**(Miklos/Tedesco)**

That the requested budget for the GLBT Advisory Committee for 2009 remain at the same as allocated in 2008. **CARRIED.**

**4.3 City Equity & Inclusion Policy – Second Round of Consultation (attachment)**

Committee members were reminded of the second round of consultation on the Equity and Inclusion Policy and were requested to invite other community members. They offered suggestions that the invite be more specific about the types of services the City offers so that community members would be clearer about what the focus group was about. Also, they suggested that the photo did not appear to reflect their community.

**4.4 Community Centre Follow-up**

The committee felt that a spring visit to 519 in Toronto would be beneficial upon completion of the construction they are currently undertaking. A discussion took place about the need to see the programming space as well. There was also a discussion about making City spaces safe, and the need to define what is "safe space"? they wanted to wait for community groups to identify need and use for a community centre and discuss this further. They noted they would want to invite recreation staff to attend at that time.

**4.5 Parks & Patrolling (Police) – GLBT Police Task Force**

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**4.6 Gender-neutral Washrooms**

Nothing to report.

**4.7 Public Health/HIFY – Support for Health Initiative**

Simon to obtain further information.

**4.8 Community Grants**

The committee requested information about who is receiving City grants and who has received them over the last 2 years. They requested that we provide the information first and then they will invite staff for a discussion at a subsequent meeting.

**4.9 Relationship to Hamilton Positive Space Collaboration (HPSC)**

The background of Pride and SPRC partnering on the community needs assessment was outlined. It was noted that the recommendations were presented in February and that there are 6 components to the recommendations. The Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative was formulated in June. Simon will be the committees representative on the HPSC.

**4.10 Pink Triangle Day**

A discussion took place about next year's Pink Triangle day, and about whether or not it is the role of the advisory committee to run events or The Well and possibly other community groups? This discussion should continue after the Strategic Planning session.

**4.11 Harvey Milk Movie Premiere**

Still waiting for information.

**4.12 Hamilton Pride Annual General Meeting**

Discussion took place regarding the Hamilton Pride Annual General Meeting.

**5. OTHER BUSINESS**

**5.1 Response to Recent Murder**

The committee members noted that they had communicated with the Police about this recent incident and that it seemed clear that this was not a hate crime. They felt that it was important to communicate that to the community.

**6. INFORMATION SHARING**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**