- MINUTES -
GLBT Advisory Committee
Monday, March 12, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane

PRESENT: Simon Lebrun, Lyla Miklos, Debbie Woolridge, Brendon Wilson, Councillor Bob Bratina

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Lee, City of Hamilton
Joe Whelan, Hamilton Pride Inc.

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Simon called the meeting to order and welcomed Councillor Bratina. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. DECLARATION OF “CONFLICT OF INTEREST”
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of January 9, 2008
(Miklos/Woolridge)
That the January 9, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.

3.2 Minutes of February 11, 2008
(Woolridge/Lebrun)
That the February 11, 2008 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

Joe Whelan requested a copy of the February minutes be emailed to him.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 Joe Whelan re: Pride Pages
Joe Whelan spoke to the committee and asked for the same financial contribution provided to the production of the 2007 Pride Pages and the Hamilton Pride event. He noted that the committee has supported the production of the Pride Pages to ensure that community listings are available to community members free of charge. He noted that these are free listings. He also asked for the committee’s assistance as in the past, to organize
some volunteers to check for updates of the community listings.

(Miklos/Woolrige) That the GLBT Advisory Committee contribute $1,500.00 to support the community listings for the 2008 Pride Pages. CARRIED.

(Miklos/Woolrige) That the GLBT Advisory Committee organize a volunteer committee to update and verify community listings. CARRIED.

The matter of a sponsorship of the Hamilton Pride event this year will be addressed at the April meeting.

4.2 Update: Pink Triangle Day Event

Members commented on how well the event went and thanked committee members for their contributions. Special thanks to Lyla who led the organizing for this event.

(Woolridge/Wilson) a) That the GLBT Advisory Committee donate the video “Paragraph 175” to the Hamilton Public Library; and

b) That Lyla Miklos to report back on summary. CARRIED

4.3 Membership – Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition

The request for a membership will be passed on to HiFi and Youth Network. The possibility of the committee renewing their membership was deferred to next meeting.

4.4 International Day Against Homophobia – May 17, 2008

It was noted that the Well’s “Coming Out Party” will be either May 15th or 16th. The Committee agree to hold a media event on Friday, May 16th, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. As one of the members noted, anywhere in the world, if you are gay, you shouldn’t have to fear for your life.

Simon will see if the Hamilton Room at the Hamilton Public Library is available. The committee decided not to purchase the posters this year.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 Consultation on Advertising Policy

(Miklos/Wilson) That the GLBT Advisory Committee be provided an opportunity to comment on the draft Advertising Policy. CARRIED.
5.2 Business Cards
Staff to obtain business cards for committee members with email address.

6. INFORMATION SHARING

6.1 Harvey Milk film / event – there may be an event towards the end of the year with a pre-screening of a new film.

6.2 Egale – members were informed of a safe schools campaign petition.

6.3 Gay Prom – Rainbow Youth Network is working on this.

6.4 Day of Difference – Brendon noted that his school, on May 2\textsuperscript{nd}, is holding a whole day too with speakers addressing being different. He is looking for speakers.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.