- MINUTES -
GLBT Advisory Committee
Thursday, April 23, 2009 – 6:00 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT: Simon Lebrun, Jae Adams, Deirdre Dixon, Debbie Woolridge,
Councillor Bratina

REGRETS: Christina Tedesco (Leave of Absence), Lyla Miklos, Deirdre Pike

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Lee – City of Hamilton

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
Simon Lebrun chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Item 4.1 - change text to International Day Against Homophobia.

(D.Woolridge / D.Dixon)
That the March 19, 2009 minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee be approved as amended. CARRIED.

4. BUSINESS ITEMS

4.1 International Day Against Homophobia
The advisory committee’s role with this event has changed now that Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative (HPSC) and The Well have taken on organizing activities for this event.

4.2 Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative
Send the terms of reference to the committee to review. Would the committee sign or a rep from Council? Are there pre-conditions to signing on that the City would have to consider?
There is a meeting tomorrow after two months of training.

4.3 Strategic Plan
Karen will join our May meeting to continue our strategic planning discussion. The question for the committee is how will the City need to change its operations to achieve a better outcome for LGBTQ citizens? The Well would like to encourage the advisory committee and other committees to participate in a joint community consultation process. This way our community is not over burdened with consultation events and we can have a coordinated approach to addressing the community’s needs.
4.4 Hamilton Pride and Pride Pages
No discussion at this time. The committee has not been approached to participate in
Pride festivities or the Pride Pages at this time.

4.5 Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition
HPSC and The Well and other health/wellness service providers met with Rainbow
Health Ontario to discuss opportunities for collaboration. This week is LGBTQ Health
Awareness Week (April 13-19). Rainbow Health Ontario has a new website that is a
good resource to the community. The committee can also forward inquiries to The Well,
and The Well can also help clients navigate to find the resources they need.

4.6 Banner Over Main Street
We are booked and will have to think about what we want to do for our banner in
February 2010.

4.7 Community Grants Process
This issue will be discussed in the fall when community groups apply for grants and we
see if the process is adequate to service as a resource for the LGBTQ community.

4.8 Police GLBT Task Force
Debbie attended the community information session held by the Hamilton Police
Services at Mohawk College and made some connections.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 The Well and HPSC will be meeting with Ken Roberts from the Library and the
Spectator’s editorial board in the coming weeks to discuss opportunities.

6. INFORMATION SHARING

7. ADJOURNMENT