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GLBT Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 18, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.
Room 207, Hamilton Convention Centre

PRESENT:  Jae Adams, Simon Lebrun (Chair), Deirdre Dixon, Debbie Woolridge

REGRETS:  Lyla Miklos, Deirdre Pike, Councillor Bratina

ALSO PRESENT:  Jane Lee – City of Hamilton

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS
The meeting was called to order.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST
None declared.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
(J. Adams/D. Woolridge)
That the minutes of the GLBT Advisory Committee for February 18, 2010 be approved as circulated.  CARRIED

4. DISCUSSION

4.1 Strategic Plan – Workplan Development
Jae explained the context of the draft workplan that had been developed. He discussed the need for alignment to the Mission, Vision, & Values. He noted that in drafting the workplan, and thinking up and down through the Terms of Reference and possible actions, there were some suggestions about possible changes to the language of the Terms of Reference and/or the order.

The committee discussed the draft in detail, providing feedback about how they might undertake the actions proposed. It was noted that they would need more members, and that an initial plan for outreach would be required. The draft included some additional statements about the Vision; members noted the additional statements inform or give more definition to the Vision Statement. A
discussion took place about the on-line directory, and whether or not facilitating access to community resources should be an ongoing role of the community.

The historical context and previous support for access to community resources was noted. Committee members agreed that this item should be revised to refer to facilitating rather than developing an on-line resource listing for community members. The committee agreed to consider this further while finalizing the workplan.

Jae agreed to send the draft to the members and Simon agreed to arrange a conference call with the members to undertake additional discussion about the workplan.

4.2 Community Services Report re: LGBTQ Needs Assessment

(D. Dixon / D. Woolridge)
That the GLBT Advisory Committee request notification and request delegate status regarding the LGBTQ Needs Assessment report when it is brought forward to the Emergency and Community Services Committee.

CARRIED

4.3 Awareness Campaign

Members discussed the project plan for a community awareness campaign. Members noted that there were still some matters to work out with potential community partners. Some of the matters to be discussed are what is the purpose of the campaign, what would measurable outcomes be, who would address questions as part of the campaign, what might the role of the Advisory Committee be, how is or should the campaign be connected to the City?

Simon was to hold a teleconference with committee members following Hamilton Positive Space Collaborative meeting regarding the areyouqueer.ca campaign. The second part of the teleconference would be with respect to the draft Terms of Reference.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

6. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.