- MINUTES -
GLBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 14, 2007
5:00 p.m. – Room 250
City Hall, 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Deirdre Pike, Joe Whelan, Mike Des Jardins

Also Present: Jane Lee – City of Hamilton
              Simon LeBrun, Erin Fuller

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 7, 2007

   (Whelan/Des Jardins)
   That the minutes of the February 7, 2007 meeting of the GLBT Advisory
   Committee be approved as circulated.                   CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

   3.1 Self-Assessment Tool / Glossary
   Not discussed.

   3.2 Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition – Health Funding
   Discussion took place regarding the committee’s commitment to the Canadian
   Rainbow Health Coalition (CRHC). The committee passed the following motion.

   (Whelan/Des Jardins)
   a) That staff send a letter to Canadian Rainbow Health Coalition
      acknowledging the support of the Coalition by the GLBT Advisory Committee
      for the City of Hamilton for the work being done towards increasing the health &
      wellness of the GLBTQ community in Hamilton and Canada; and

   b) That a contribution of $100 be forwarded to CRHC to assist with their
      work.                                         CARRIED.

3.3 Presentation to Committee of the Whole
   This item was deferred to the next meeting.
   Deirdre Pike to contact Mary Gallagher, City Clerk’s Office.
3.4 May 17th Press Conference
May 17th is International Day Against Homophobia. The GLBT Committee will host their 3rd annual press conference and “fair”. Partners to be invited include McMaster University, Hamilton Police Services GLBT Task Force, Hamilton Health Sciences, AIDS Network, Wellness Centre, Health Initiatives for Youth, Mohawk Queer Alliance, Westmount Secondary School. Venues to be checked for this event include Sky Dragon Centre, Hamilton Room at HPL, Workers Arts & Heritage Centre. The Mayor’s office will be contacted to bring greetings. The GLBT banner will be available.

3.5 2007 Campaign for the International Day Against Homophobia

(Whelan/Des Jardins)
That the order form for posters for International Day Against Homophobia and the payment of $20.00 for these posters be sent to Fondation Emergence Inc. CARRIED.

3.6 Website (standing item)
This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3.7 Diversity Audit of HWDSB
New draft will soon be available for review.

3.8 Pride Sponsorship

(Des Jardins/Pike)
That the GLBT Advisory Committee for the City of Hamilton provide a “gold” sponsorship for the 2007 Pride Event in the amount of $750.00. CARRIED.

3.9 Pride Pages
The deadline for submissions for ads in the 2007 Pride Pages publication is April 2, 2007. A reminder will be sent to the Mayor’s office for a letter.

3.10 Police Task Force Update
Joe Whelan advised that on February 15, 2007, a policy was drafted regarding the strip search of transsexual or intersex persons. He asked that the draft policy be presented to the Committee before it becomes a policy.

3.11 Meeting Snacks
Staff noted a requested change to the meeting refreshments.