Revised
MINUTES: GLBT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
January 11, 2006 – 6:00 PM
Room 250, City Hall

PRESENT: Cole Gately, Deirdre Pike, Joe Whelan

REGRETS: Mike Desjardins (leave of absence), Dawn Lepard

ALSO PRESENT: Jane Lee – City of Hamilton

1. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
None declared.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

As the committee requested, there will be some general corrections to the section of the minutes related to the 2006 Work plan, and the title of the Board of Education’s Policy review will be corrected to read “Equity policy regarding Sexual Orientation”.

(Whelan/Gately)
That the minutes of November 9, 2005 be approved as amended. CARRIED.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 Resignation
It was noted with regret that Tanya Gulliver had submitted her resignation. Tanya’s contributions to the committee were noted.

3.2 2006 Work Plan
The members discussed the Work Plan in its draft form. It was agreed that Deirdre will revise the plan and distribute it for more detailed follow-up discussion at the February meeting.

3.3 Membership
A discussion took place about recruitment of additional members. Jane was requested to seek additional members through an advertisement being sent out through the Community Fax Service. The notice will also be distributed to the members electronically, so that they can forward it to their networks. The notice is to refer to a preference for members of the GLBT community
and that the applicants should note an approximate 6 hour monthly commitment.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Meeting Time

The committee agreed to change the meetings to a 5 p.m. meeting start time.

5. INFORMATION SHARING

5.1 Men Who Have Sex With Men Support Group has been established through the AIDS Network, and Joe will be facilitating, starting January 26th, from 4 to 6 p.m. every Thursday for 8 weeks.

5.2 Hamilton Women’s Centre are also starting a monthly support group which Deirdre will be facilitating as a volunteer. A notice will be distributed soon.

5.3 LGBTQ Community Wellness Centre

Deirdre updated members on the status of the Wellness Centre and noted that there had been a site visit from the Trillium Foundation.

5.4 Election Question in Hamilton Spectator for Federal Election Candidates

The question for the federal candidates which will be in the local paper soon, was briefly discussed and members were thanked for their input to Deirdre.

5.5 City of Hamilton Mental Health Outreach Team

Cole noted that the Mental Health Outreach team had formed a relationship with other case management agencies and they will be holding anti-oppression training in February, March, and April.

6. FOLLOW UP

7. ADJOURNMENT

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.